

WEATHER FORECASTS
Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh southerly winds; mostly cloudy and mild.
Vancouver and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds; mostly cloudy, with occasional rain.

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The Colonist Wishes Its Readers a Merry Christmas

U.S. Embargo on Grain Will Not Affect Canada

Proposal of Washington Farm Board Chairman Would Ban Wheat

SUGGESTION MADE TO ASSIST PRICE

Wheat Pool Head Says No Wheat Being Sent Across Border

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 24 (AP).—Chairman Legge, of the Farm Board, suggested today to members of the Senate Agriculture Committee that a temporary embargo would be the most effective step if world wheat prices continue to slump below domestic quotations to a point permitting imports of Canadian wheat.

Senator Capper, Kansas, a Republican member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, in making public the chairman's proposal, offered to sponsor such legislation if Mr. Legge's fears of imports materialized.

A temporary embargo would seem justifiable, Mr. Legge wrote, "in view of the fact that we will have a burdensome surplus without importing any wheat."

QUICKER ACTION
The embargo, Senator Capper pointed out, could probably be obtained more quickly than an increase in the tariff, now 42 cents a bushel. A study would first be required of the Tariff Commission before it could make recommendations.

Briefly reviewing the world situation, Legge said the Liverpool market on Tuesday had closed at 60½ cents, while the close at Chicago was 76 cents, and the spread between Chicago and Winnipeg was from 26 to 28 cents per bushel.

With domestic millers ready to pay a premium on high-quality Manitoba wheat, the chairman feared any further price decrease in the world market would probably result in wheat being imported from Canada.

CANADA NOT AFFECTED
WINNIPEG, Dec. 24 (CP).—Import embargo on wheat entering the United States, as proposed today by Chairman Alexander Legge, of the Farm Board, in case of a new slump in world prices, would not affect Canada in any way, according to John I. McFarland, head of the Canadian pool's central selling agency.

It is highly improbable that world prices will drop the 12 or 15 cents necessary to place wheat on an import parity as related to the present United States price, stated Mr. McFarland, but, of course, the Farm Board may possibly intend to raise its standardized prices still higher. In any case, Canada in no way stands to lose by the proposal, which is purely a domestic measure. No Canadian wheat is entering the United States except in bond for milling, and an embargo would not prevent milling in bond, he concluded.

DOZEN KILLED, MANY INJURED IN BURMA RIOT

Several Villages Attacked in Course of Tax-Resisting Campaign

REINFORCEMENTS ARE SENT TO DISTRICTS

RANGOON, Burma, Dec. 24 (AP).—More than a dozen persons have been killed and many wounded in the Tharawaddy and Insein districts of Upper Burma by rioters who attacked several villages in the course of a tax-resisting campaign, according to reports received here today.

Four native officials were slain in the villages, in one of which the rioters were reported this morning to be still fighting with police. It is believed the police inflicted heavy losses.

The outbreak thus far appears to be purely local and is confined to the two districts. Officials here, however, are taking no chances and have sent heavy reinforcements to the affected regions.

STATE OF SIEGE ORDERED LIFTED
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Government today ordered the state of siege lifted for twenty-four hours in the province of San Luis, December 26, to permit the holding of local elections. The state of siege has been in effect since the revolution this summer.

Courtenay Plane Will Be Rebuilt

COURTENAY, Dec. 23.—Reconstruction of the monoplane which was wrecked when landing after its test flight here on Monday is to commence immediately, according to L. R. Kirby, the designer.

Mr. Kirby says that the performance of the ship while in the air was entirely satisfactory, and it is thought that in the special low-winged construction of the design he has something that will meet the requirements of local conditions perhaps better than anything yet brought out.

It seems evident that the crash was not the fault of the machine or of its construction, and that it was the result of a design. A complete medical examination of the pilot, L. J. Sankey, on Tuesday revealed nothing of an alarming nature.

OUTPUT OF MINERALS MAINTAINED

Total Dividends Paid in 1930 Estimated to Reach \$11,000,000

FIVE NEW MINES ARE ADDED TO SHIPPERS

Year Drawing to Close Unfortunate One for World's Mineral Industry

Dividends estimated at \$11,000,000 will be paid by British Columbia mines in 1930, Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Mines, stated yesterday on receipt of a special bulletin prepared by J. D. Galloway, provincial mineralogist.

New high record outputs of silver, lead, and zinc, location of important new properties, and much development in prospecting, resulting in the production of five new mines this year, are some of the factors helping, in part, to compensate for lower metal prices, and declines in output.

The gross value of production in British Columbia mines this year under all heads is estimated at \$55,164,515, and would have been \$70,000,000 if based on the 1929 metal prices. Important new properties were opened at the northern part of Vancouver Island, and north of Kamloops. The decline in the gross value of the annual output, at \$13,835,928, was due to general world conditions which drove metal prices down during the year.

Although some mines were closed down, five new mines were brought into profitable production during the year. The Resident Engineers' reports show a surprising amount of activity in prospecting, scouting and development in their districts. Coal production shows a further decline, but Mr. McKenzie hopes that the low point has been reached and that in 1931 coal sales will increase.

NEW DISCOVERIES MADE
That British Columbia is still a fertile field for the prospector, shown by a number of new discoveries made during the year, two of which give promise of importance; both of them were immediately optioned by large operating companies and active development commenced.

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Member for City Sends Greetings

D. B. Plunkett, M.P., the representative of the City of Victoria in the House of Commons, in extending a wish for a Merry Christmas to the readers of The Colonist, expressed the hope that, before another twelve months pass by, the shadow of hard times which is evident may have lifted.

Mr. Plunkett says: "In wishing your readers a Merry Christmas, I cannot help realizing that the present holiday season is not as joyful as could be wished for. World conditions are not favorable for the full enjoyment of what the Christmas season should be."

"In Victoria the depression, fortunately, is not as marked as it is generally elsewhere. While it is something to be thankful for, it cannot eliminate the feeling of sympathy for those who are less fortunately situated and who are not residents of this favored city. The feeling of brotherhood towards all the world prompts, especially at this season of the year, a wish that it might be enjoying the fullest degree of health, happiness and prosperity."

"Under wise counsels it is to be hoped that the situation before another Christmas comes round may be radically improved and that the world may greet the day which marks the birthday of the Saviour of mankind with a greater degree of hope and joy than is manifest today."

To all the citizens of Victoria I wish a full measure of happiness over the holiday season."

WHEAT QUOTA PURCHASING IS PROBABLE

British Gov't Working Out Scheme Proposed at Imperial Conference

DIVISION OF EMPIRE PRODUCTS

LONDON, Dec. 24 (CP).—The British Government is understood by The Daily Express to be preparing legislation for quota purchasing of wheat for the British market, following generally on the lines discussed at the recent Imperial Conference.

Details of the bill which is said to be under way, are not known as yet. It is forecast, however, that it will first set forth a percentage of British-grown wheat to be taken by millers; secondly, that the remainder shall be secured from the wheat-growing members of the British Commonwealth; and thirdly, that the remainder, or remainder, may be secured from foreign countries.

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SEVERE QUAKE IN ARGENTINA KILLS TWENTY

Village of La Poma, in Andes Mountains, Is Lying in Ruins

NEARLY A HUNDRED ARE BADLY INJURED

Bodies of Victims Recovered—Measures to Relieve Sufferers Taken

SALTA, Argentina, Dec. 24 (AP).—A violent earthquake laid the village of La Poma, located in the Andes Mountains, in ruins today, costing an estimated total of twenty lives and nearly a hundred were badly injured. The bodies of all the victims were reported to have been recovered tonight.

Among the dead were eight women and two small boys. Two hundred families were homeless, with their dwellings either destroyed or unsafe.

The shock occurred about 3 a.m., lasting about ten minutes, and was felt in many parts of the entire state of La Poma. Slight damage but no loss of life was reported at San Antonio de Los Cobres.

Immediately on receipt of news of the tragedy at Salta, a relief expedition set out carrying medical supplies and tents for the sufferers. La Poma is about seventy-five miles from Salta.

Seven Are Removed From Three Barges Before Boat Sink

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Seven persons, including two women and a child, were safely removed from three barges today before the boats sank after a collision in the harbor with the Furness Red Cross steamer Dominica, during a snowstorm.

The Dominica, after a halt of ten minutes, proceeding to St. John's, Newfoundland.

SIX ARE DEAD IN COLLISION

Members of Family Killed While Bound for Christmas Eve Function

TRAIN DEMOLISHES CAR

LORIMA, Wis., Dec. 24 (AP).—Bound for a Christmas Eve programme at the Lutheran Church six members of a Lorima farm family were killed tonight when their automobile was demolished by a Soo Line passenger train at a downtown grade crossing here.

George Schultz, forty-two; his son, Edwin, thirteen; his daughter, Esther, nine; and Meta, three, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwartz, seventy-two and seventy, were in the car.

The son and the daughter were to have taken part in a Yuletide programme.

Schultz' wife and another child, remaining at home to finish Christmas decorations, were all that remained of the family. The train hurled the car and its occupants into the air, and the engineer said he did not see the machine until the train was upon it.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 24 (AP).—Loss in the explosion and fire that practically destroyed the Union Oil Company tanker Red Line here last night was placed today at \$400,000 by L. G. Kohler, local manager of the company.

Pupils Saved By Action of Their Teacher
HARTNEY, Man., Dec. 24 (AP).—Miss Viola McMillan, teacher in the little schoolhouse of Hartney, rallied her pupils around her and led them to the open air. It was only two minutes after that the whole school attendance was safely outside the building.

The fire, it is believed, started from an overheated furnace. Damage was not extensive and will be repaired during the Christmas holidays.

VANCOUVER MAN SHOT
VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—John Redfern, East Cordova Street, is in the General Hospital in a critical condition with a bullet in his abdomen and a leg broken. He was shot in the back by a man named George Street, in a fight charged with the shooting. In a report to the police it is alleged that the two men were engaged in an altercation at Havelock and Hastings Streets when the shooting took place.

MINISTER OF LABOR ASKS FOR AUDIT IN REPLY TO ATTACKS

Hon. W. A. McKenzie Brands as False Insinuations of Burrard Liberal Member of Parliament and Asks Dominion Government to Examine Unemployment Relief Expenditures in Vancouver

Demands That Mr. Hanbury Make Good Allegation of Wrongdoing

INCENSED over repeated misstatements of fact and partisan bickerings over the administration of the federal unemployment relief scheme in this province, members of the unemployment committee of the Executive Council yesterday took direct action to cause those responsible for such statements to prove their allegations, or else retract them.

In a wire to Senator G. D. Robertson, Federal Minister of Labor, and in charge of the administration of the Unemployment Relief Act, 1920, at Ottawa, Hon. W. A. McKenzie, Minister of Labor in the Provincial Cabinet, and chairman of the unemployment committee, asked for the appointment of a Federal auditor to go over every detail of the administration of unemployment funds in this province, to satisfy all as to the careful management of the funds, and to refute unwarranted attacks emanating from Vancouver. The wire was as follows:

UNTRUTHFUL STATEMENT
"Understand from Vancouver press that member for Burrard, Mr. Wilfred Hanbury, has wired Premier Bennett to the effect that funds allocated for the relief of unemployment are being diverted for purpose of alleged deficit. This statement is entirely untrue and is a gross misstatement of fact. Funds allocated for the relief of unemployment are being properly and legitimately used for relief of unemployment. In view of these allegations, I would appreciate your appointing an auditor from the Federal Government to investigate all unemployment relief fund expenditures participated in by both Governments, and to satisfy your self as to the system adopted here in administering the funds."

The attack which brought about the request of the unemployment committee for a Federal audit of its accounts was contained in the reported text of a message asserted to have been sent by Wilfred Hanbury, Liberal Member for Burrard to Ottawa, and which was reported as containing the following:

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Industrial Leader Critically Ill
The former Sir Alfred Mead, prominent industrialist and leader in Jewish activities, who has been for several weeks with phlebotomy, suffered a relapse yesterday. He is confined to his bed at his London home, and his condition is grave.

H.H. Stevens Sympathetic In Message
Hon. H. H. Stevens, British Columbia minister in the Cabinet of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, speeding to the Coast for Christmas after visiting his constituency of East Kootenay, wired to The Colonist a Christmas message for the people of British Columbia. In expressing his confidence in the future of the Dominion, the minister gives thought to those who are less fortunately placed this year.

Hon. Mr. Stevens' message reads as follows:

"The year that has passed has been one of grave anxiety to, and in many cases there has been actual suffering by, large numbers of our citizens in common with the peoples of other countries. While it is difficult to express the usual happy greetings under such depressing conditions, nevertheless we in Canada can, at least, be buoyed up with hope and confidence in our future, and through the generosity of those who have suffered the least, much can, and no doubt has been done to alleviate the suffering of the less fortunate. Through it all there breathes a spirit of sympathy and good will, which is perhaps more sincere because of the past year's discouragement and suffering."

"I extend the most cordial greetings to my fellow citizens of British Columbia."

VERNON, Dec. 24 (CP).—Percy French, noted Shorthorn breeder, has been notified of his election to the directorship of the Canadian Shorthorn Breeders' Association to represent the Province of British Columbia.

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THE KING AND QUEEN TO ENJOY SIMPLE YULETIDE
SANDRINGHAM, Eng., Dec. 24 (AP).—Pomp and circumstance are laid aside tomorrow at Sandringham House and the King and Queen become, first of all, parents and grandparents.

On Christmas morning His Majesty comes down to breakfast just as a million other fathers will do. He greets his children with kisses and handshakes, jokes with his guests and, perhaps greatest pleasure of all, feigns surprise and joy when his little grandchildren proudly display their presents, telling him they have come from Santa Claus.

Then, later in the morning, the King and Queen and the other members of the Royal Family will worship with the Wollerton villagers.

They will walk to the little grey church in the village and there stand shoulder to shoulder with the simple country men and women. After luncheon—a simple family meal—there is another distribution of presents, this time to the servants in personal attendance of the King and Queen throughout the year.

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VICTORIA MAN MAKES VALUABLE REPORT ON LARGE B.C. ICE FIELD

Major F. V. Longstaff Prepares Data on Hitherto Unrecorded Glacier Region at Source of Six Important Rivers—Locality Reached From P.G.E. Railway

Swiss Guides Declare Area to Be Larger in Extent Than Columbia

REPORT of a tremendous ice field, estimated to approximate 350 square miles, within easy travelling distance of established lines of transportation in the Bridge River district has been made by Major F. V. Longstaff, of Victoria, who with two Swiss guides visited the region, which gives promise of becoming an added attraction to the scenic beauties of the mountains of British Columbia. Major Longstaff, who has been a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society since 1897, and a member of the Alpine Club of Canada for the past twenty years, is competent to appreciate the value of the region to the country.

No detailed report of the field is on record among Government reports, and the observations of Major Longstaff are therefore considered to be of real importance.

The Colonel has obtained from 1350 square miles of icefields and glaciers were seen to the westward and photographs taken. According to Christian Haeder and Ernest Feuz, Swiss mountaineering guides, this area is greater than that of the Columbia icefield. These guides have seen both.

Up till the arrival of myself, with Bert Williams, packer, in September last, only Indians and prospectors had traveled along the glaciers flowing from the above icefields. A few

of these men have traversed from the great Bridge Glacier to the Lillooet Glacier and farther to the Squamish Glacier, but no written reports have reached the Provincial Government.

CAMP SITE
The highest camp was made on Gravel Creek, a tributary of the north fork of the Bridge River. The site was about five hundred yards above where Doctor V. Dolmage camped for a week during the summer of 1924, and about a mile above the camp and mine of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Limited. The doctor also had Bert Williams as packer, and no pack train had been over from Taylor Pass since 1922.

Observation Peak forms part of the icefield mass and is about 4500 feet high, while the camp is about 600 feet. The valleys are above the tree line, wide and grass-covered, so that horses can go anywhere.

Observation Peak, from which the reconnaissance was made on Thursday, September 11, is higher than the average peaks in the neighborhood, so that it is suitable for a view point.

LIKE HAND
The glacial fed rivers and creeks which unite to form the Bridge River may be compared with the fingers and thumb of the right hand with the palm down; the thumb being the largest of them all, and having a southerly trend. While the rivers themselves could not all be seen from the peak, yet the glacier which fed each one was visible, and the valley through which each flowed was in sight. The thumb, or main river flows over a large gravel flat for about two miles after emerging from the glacier. So far as could be judged, there are nine glaciers which feed the Bridge River. It is estimated that the distance from the nearest point on the motor road in the Bridge River Valley to the gravel flat of the main glacier is forty-five miles by the river trail.

It appeared to the observers there are about a dozen peaks over ten thousand feet or near the mass of icefields, some of which would be difficult rock climbs.

SOURCE OF RIVERS
The observers felt they saw less than one-half of the icefields and glaciers which are together in this undulating high area. The rivers which take their rise from these icefields are the Squamish, Lillooet, Bridge, Southgate, Toba and Whitewater. The axis of the mass of icefields appeared to lay in a direction just south of west. Most of the glaciers were long and crevassed in the middle. All but the most skilled mountaineers would be barred by wide and deep crevasses of seracs for many miles on these glaciers.

Provided the switchback pack trail up the north bank of the Bridge River from the motor road was relocated to an even grade, mountaineers and tourists by motor car and riding horse could reach the camp ground on Gravel Creek in about three days from Shalalth station on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. There does not appear to be any creeks on the north bank of the river, so that the bridges need not be long or liable to be washed out. The present trail is chiefly used to supply the camp of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, and Bert Williams, packer, and the trail is usually made by the trail of the expedition was only possible by the splendid and full co-operation of Bert Williams, who has known the trails of the country for at least twenty years.

TRINIDAD NOW NOTED FOR ITS GRAPEFRUIT

London Dealers Say Product From Island Best They Have Handled

PORT-OF-SPAIN, British West Indies, Dec. 24 (CP).—They are the best we have ever handled. London fruit dealers have said with reference to grapefruit imported from the Island of Trinidad, according to a report made by R. O. Williams, a representative of the Board of Agriculture recently. Mr. Williams is superintendent and assistant botanist at the St. Clair Experimental Station, where the meeting was held. Sir H. H. Archer Wyatt, Governor of the Island of Trinidad, presiding.

MARKETING FRUIT
Mr. Williams stated that during a recent visit to London, he made inquiries on the subject of marketing fruit, principally grapefruit and limes. At Covent Garden and Spitalfields markets he had discussed the matter of grapefruit with salesmen who had dealt in, or were willing to deal in, Trinidad grapefruit, and the opinions of the people he had seen were favorable as to its quality, juiciness and flavor. One buyer was particularly pleased with the Trinidad grapefruit and described the few consignments he had received as the best he had ever handled. The buyer emphasized the importance of having regular shipments, because if a shipment were missed the London customers would have to buy other fruit, and it might mean that they would need to be induced to come back to the Trinidad article.

Other London dealers had pointed out the necessity for uniformity, that is, standard sizes, grades and pack in the Trinidad grapefruit. Mr. Williams said, some of the recent imports from Trinidad being in crates under size and not uniform, and the fruits being improperly graded and sized.

The Trinidad fruit is in season during the Florida, Cuba and Porto Rico crop, and these countries are the chief competitors of Trinidad, and it was pointed out at the meeting of the Board of Agriculture that in order for the Island to compete with them it was necessary to conform to their standards.

May Attract Many Visitors to Province



ABOVE is seen a section of the tremendous ice field in the Bridge River country visited and reported upon for the first time by Major F. V. Longstaff, P.R.G.S., of Victoria. As a result of his reconnaissance and reports, attention is being called to this new scenic wonder in British Columbia. It is expected that as a result of his endeavors mountaineers and others interested in the great outdoors will be attracted to explore the wonderland of the hills that he has brought to public attention. The area of the immense region, a small portion of which is included in the above illustration, is said to exceed that of the world-famous Columbia ice field, which yearly attracts hundreds of visitors.

YULE MESSAGES SENT BY REEVES

E. C. Hayward and H. C. Oldfield Join in Sending Greetings to People

CLIMATE IS PRAISED

Messages of Christmas good cheer have been sent from the reeves of the municipalities surrounding Victoria.

Reeve E. C. Hayward, of Oak Bay, has sent the following message: "It is a pleasure to have the privilege of extending to the citizens of Oak Bay—and, on their behalf, to the citizens of Victoria, Saanich and Esquimalt—the time-honored greeting, 'Merry Christmas.' May the spirit of Christmas prevail, and good will toward men be exemplified in us all at this time. Let us have a kinder word for everyone, and in the words of Tiny Tim, 'God bless us, everyone!'"

Reeve H. C. Oldfield, of Saanich, has sent the following message: "We, on Vancouver Island, are singularly fortunate, and have much to be thankful for at this season of the year. With many flowers still blossoming in our gardens, we speak well for our exceedingly kind climate; one feature which alone will contribute greatly to the joy and comfort of our people."

"In touching on a world-wide condition of affairs, may I be permitted to slightly alter a well-known quotation: 'One touch of trouble makes the whole world akin.'"

"The truth of this has been most wonderfully exemplified at this season of the year. Let us have a thrill at the spirit heard and tangibly expressed on all sides—all appeals for aid generously supported, and all everyone may share in the Yuletide festival."

"This spirit of co-operation is a happy augury and cannot fail to hasten the improved conditions we all look forward to; for after all, a great deal depends on our efforts, which although individually weak, collectively can accomplish wonders."

"I very much appreciate this opportunity to extend to all, most sincerely, the best of wishes at this Christmas season."

BIG CONGREGATION AT MIDNIGHT MASS

Bishop Murray, for First Time Since His Consecration Here, Preaches Christmas Sermon

The customary big congregation gathered at St. Andrew's Cathedral for solemn high mass, held at midnight last evening. With the high altar ablaze with candles, and the several statues surrounded by garlands and flowers, the scene was very impressive as the ceremony progressed. For the first time since his consecration and installation as Bishop of Victoria, Rt. Rev. Gerald Murray, D.D., was the celebrant, being assisted by Rev. Father Evans, M.A., as the archpriest; Rev. Father Gaudet as deacon, and Rev. Alex Tourigny, as subdeacon. The master of ceremonies was Desmond Burdon Murphy. Bishop Murray's subject was, "A Message From the Grib."

The music was especially beautiful, the recently-instituted boys' choir, conducted by Father Gaudet, leading the processional hymn, "The First Noel" (traditional); and the "Minuet Chretien" (Adolph Adam) during the vesting of the Bishop. The Georgian chant, "Missa de Beata Virgine," was the source of some of the mass music which was sung, and the beautiful "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" was from the "Missa cum Jubilo." The organ voluntary played during the Holy Communion was "Procession" by Fugue, and at the conclusion of mass, Bach's "Fugue in B Minor."

BEATING THE RACERS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—Modern invention is going to be great help for tenderhearted Swedes who bet on the races. One of the biggest loudspeakers in the country has been set up at the Solvalla course, near here. There, in some secluded spot, the lower can hear his fate and be spared the agony of seeing the finish.

"You can tell a man's temper from his hands," says a writer. Quite. But at bridge you can tell a man's hands from his temper.

Provisional Guatemala Government Threatened

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GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 24.—The resignation of General Manuel Orellana, acting president, and President Lazaro Chacon, whose illness has caused the present political difficulties, and the temporary assumption of the presidency by a congressional designate, with elections to be held within six months, is the only solution seen by neutral observers of the muddled state of Government affairs here, now that recognition of the provisional government by the United States and other foreign powers seems not to be forthcoming.

Even this step will result only in further trouble, for General Orellana's army, composed mainly of Indians, who do not question their orders to shoot, is faithful to him, but it seems to be the least dangerous of the choices offered.

CONTINUES TO FUNCTION
But despite reports that the United States will not recognize it because of the 1923 Central American Treaty, and although its tenure in office is problematical, General Orellana's Government is continuing to function in the hope of clearing up the situation. The stability of the provisional government is endangered by a deficit of \$2,000,000—only \$100,000 was found in the treasury as left by the former administration—and the dissatisfaction with army rule of strong civilian groups.

General Orellana, a soldier since

PARIS SEES BELATED TRIUMPH OF GENIUS

LONDON, Dec. 25.—"It is more than sixty years since Berlioz, the French composer, died neglected, and now his work is at last coming into its own," says a Paris special correspondent of the New Chronicle. The correspondent speaks of a recent triumph of Berlioz masterpiece, "Les Troyens" ("The Trojans"), at the Opera House in Paris, the composer's native city, which opera has never been performed on a stage in England.

"The failure of 'Les Troyens' when it was originally produced in 1869, killed poor Berlioz," the correspondent says. "It was of the crowning blow to a life full of crushing blows. To worshippers of the genius of Berlioz, the enthusiasm in the remarkable production must have been a source of intense satisfaction—even if the satisfaction has been long delayed."

"The composer sets his own words to his own music, and much of the music is real melody. 'Les Troyens' is the finest specimen of spectacular opera, a marvelous combination of pagantry and movement." According to the Paris correspondent, the performance of Berlioz opera might have given satisfaction to the composer himself, though he was a cruel critic.

Further, the correspondent says: "The Paris Opera House has never produced a better show. If Covent Garden has any enterprise, 'Les Troyens' will be presented next May, with Sir Hamilton Harty as conductor. Incidentally Mr. Ruhlmann conducted a remarkably high performance of the opera in 1924. Hector Berlioz, French musical composer, was born in 1803 and died in 1869."

MINISTER OF LABOR ASKS FOR AUDIT IN REPLY TO ATTACKS

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"Grave suspicion exists here that money was expended to relieve distress has been misused by the Provincial Government to cover portion of their deficit for work done previously, and is not creating new work."

Replying yesterday to this, Hon. W. A. McKenzie stated as follows:

DIRECT CHALLENGE

"The statement of Mr. Hanbury, Liberal Member of the House of Commons for Burrard, if he is correctly reported in his telegram to Premier Bennett, is untruthful to the degree. The allegations made from time to time by the committee of the Cabinet on unemployment have been made without any reference to deficits or parsimoniousness. Each application has been dealt with on its merits, having regard to unemployment conditions prevailing. We are acting on the advice and recommendations of members of the Legislature from both sides of the House."

BOOTLEGGING RADIO

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 25.—In Turkey it's radio that's bootlegged. A thousand culprits have been caught in the last year.

Radio is a monopoly of the Government, and the clandestine listener-in, who neglects to pay the required tax or who buys his set from somebody other than the monopoly, is subject to a heavy fine.

VIRTUALLY A PRISONER

President Lazaro Chacon, whose illness caused him to relinquish his powers, lies virtually a prisoner in his own home, with soldiers patrolling the street on which he lives. It is definitely understood that General Orellana will not grant him permission to leave the country, because he fears that President Chacon will resign and thus leave him without power, as Congress elected him only as provisional President. Last night it was announced that President Chacon planned to go to the United States for medical treatment.

General Orellana's regime will end likely, for that body voted General Orellana provisional President by persuasion, soldiers with fixed bayonets and mounted machine guns surrounding the legislative building.

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CATEGORICAL DENIAL

"In no case have these funds been used for any purpose other than that for which they were provided, namely, to relieve acute unemployment. I am very surprised," Mr. McKenzie continued, "that a Member of Parliament and representative of Vancouver should make public through the press of the country such a grave and unwarranted charge, which, from its very nature, is evidently designed for partisan purposes."

NO POLITICS

"The whole desire of both Governments, and, I believe, of all right-thinking people of the country, is to keep the problem of unemployment entirely apart from any political consideration. I repeat again that I trust Mr. Hanbury will be present at the meeting on Friday to support his allegations with actual evidence, if he can," Mr. McKenzie concluded.

At the same time the Minister of Labor released the text of an official report made to the unemployment committee of the Cabinet by J. A. Craig, Comptroller-General for the province. This report stated:

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

"Far from Dominion relief moneys having been misapplied by the Provincial Government, the Provincial Government has actually advanced to municipalities the Dominion Government's share of relief and has not yet been reimbursed by the Dominion for any such advances. Misapplication of these moneys is absolutely impossible, as they have been provided by special warrant and can only be expended in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Dominion Government."

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Members of the Provincial Government are to meet Hon. H. H. Stevens, Federal Minister of Trade and Commerce, at a joint conference on Friday morning at the Courthouse, Vancouver, when Vancouver city affairs and unemployment matters generally are to be discussed. It is at this conference that Hon. W. A. McKenzie has invited Mr. Hanbury to produce proof of the reported assertions, if he made them, or else retract a statement considered as highly damaging and unwarranted.

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Christmas Among Indians At Good Hope Outpost Is Recalled by Aged Priest

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EDMONTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas at Fort Good Hope fifty-nine years ago! So far away! So long ago! Sitting in the quiet house of the priest at the St. Albert Mission, Rev. Father Lecomte looks back over the years to this celebration as he hears the echoes of the Christmas carols which the Indian children in the convent are practicing for the festival of 1930. Perhaps the fact that the venerable priest spends his days in darkness makes it easier for him to recall that his first Noel among the Indians in the land where only a dim twilight marks the height of a winter day. He was a young man then, in the second year of his ministry, and cold, long journeys, scant food and danger were mere incidents of the day's work.

CHARMED WITH INDIANS

The church at Good Hope, though large enough for ordinary purposes, was literally crammed with Indians. These were of the tribe of Peau-de-Lievre (the Hare Indians), and most of the families had been on foot for two days, in severe cold. The thermometer at the fort registered forty degrees below zero, but the Indians had no thermometer, so they had that much less to worry about. Cold was a common thing anyway. They were used to it all their lives. All were warmly clad in skins and the little children were

laid in sleds, covered with skins, and were as comfy as any white baby snugly tucked in its little bed. Many of the babies were very young, mere infants, and were brought to be baptized.

"Father Sequin and I passed the entire night hearing confessions, baptizing and preparing those who came here for mass next morning," Father Lecomte wrote in his journal. "Most of these Indians, both men and women, are able to read the syllabic characters of their prayer books and they followed the singing of the liturgical songs of the prayer book. How edifying it was to see them receive the Eucharistic banquet, and then kiss the feet of the Child Jesus in the manger. Father Sequin in his sermon showed them how the poverty of Jesus resembled their own poverty. Twice during the day we had mass and at benediction, the church filled with Indians, resounded with joyful Christmas songs. When all was ended each family, imitating the Shepherds and the Magi, brought presents to the crib—dried meat, moccasins and even furs."

LAND OF ADVENTURE

Father Lecomte, who is now eighty-six years old, recently celebrated the diamond jubilee of his arrival in the land of adventure. Sailing south in the Far North involved a self-sacrificing heroism, that would try the enthusiasm and the strength of the most ardent, yet thirty years were spent in the Arctic region. Good Hope, Aklavik, and Coppermine, east of the Rockies, and Fort Yukon. One year was spent

Bridge Moved on Barges



A GIANT steel bridge, weighing about 1,023 tons, being transported from the place of construction to the point where it will be set at Kaiserwerf, Holland. It was floated to its resting place on barges.

C. A. C. JENNINGS IS BURIED AT TORONTO

Large Congregation Attends Impressive Service for Late Editor of Mail and Empire

TORONTO, Dec. 24 (CP).—Followed by men who have held high and responsible positions in Federal, provincial and municipal affairs, in business and in journalism, the body of C. A. C. Jennings, late chief editor of The Toronto Mail and Empire, was borne today from St. Stephen's Church and laid in Mount Pleasant.

A large congregation that filled the church, the profusion of floral tributes surrounding the bier, the hundreds of messages of condolence that reached Mr. Jennings' family, all told of the host of friends and admirers the late editor had made during his lifetime by his work and by his fine personal qualities.

The service was a simple one. Rev. James R. Ward, assisted by Rev. Canon J. S. Broughall, former rector of St. Stephen's and present rector of Grace Church, read the Church of England service for the burial of the dead.

Honorary pallbearers were Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier George S. Henry, Rev. Canon and H. J. Cody, Hon. Charles McCrea, Sir John Aird, Sir Thomas White, Sir William Mulock, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, David Spence, M.P., I. W. Killam, R. C. Matthews, M.P., J. F. B. Lyster, general manager of the Canadian Press, J. S. Douglas, John Scott, John A. C. Kemp and H. H. Williams.

RECOUNT OF VOTES SOUGHT IN ESTEVAN

Liberal Candidate Wins Saskatchewan By-election by Narrow Margin of Four Votes

ESTEVAN, Sask., Dec. 24 (CP).—Recount of votes in the Estevan by-election of yesterday will be requested by David McKnight, defeated Conservative candidate. The seat remained in the Liberal column by the bare margin of four votes, with Norman L. McLeod, its incumbent, as the victor.

The by-election had been necessitated by the resignation of E. W. Garner, Liberal.

Figures issued by the returning officer were: McKnight, Liberal, 2,702; McKnight, Conservative, 2,698.

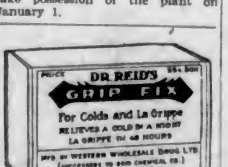
Present standing of the Saskatchewan House is: Conservatives, 24; Progressives, 5; Independents, 6; Liberals, 28. Thus the co-operative Government of Premier J. T. M. Anderson consists of thirty-five members as against a Liberal opposition of twenty-eight in the House.

CONTRADICTS IDEA THAT HE WAS "HIT AND RUN" DRIVER

H. J. ("Bud") Sims, 1144 Goodwin Street, who figured in a traffic incident when his car collided with a milk wagon Tuesday morning, states that a wrong impression might be created as a result of a report that he was a "hit and run" driver. He says that he stopped and ascertained that the driver was not injured, and that he drove passengers in his car home only after he had discussed the matter with the wagon driver. His brother, who was with him, remained on the scene until the police arrived and gave a full report to the officer. This was supplemented by a written report later.

NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24 (CP).—The Manitoba Government has completed negotiations for the purchase of the Canada Gas & Power Company plant at Brandon. The purchase price has been placed at \$1,200,000. The Government will take possession of the plant on January 1.



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SAANICH FUND FINDS SUPPORT

E. C. Mayers and Reeve H. C. Oldfield Sponsor Collection for Relief Work

SUBSCRIBERS RESPOND

At the instance of E. C. Mayers, of Cadboro Bay, a relief fund has been inaugurated in Saanich. Mr. Mayers has supported his suggestion with a donation of \$200, and Reeve H. C. Oldfield, who subscribed the sum of \$50, yesterday, announced the official opening of the fund with the following statement:

"In the generous response the public is making, in the nature of Christmas cheer, to those in need, the council feels that, while all may be cared for at this particular season, it will be but temporary relief. Many urgent calls must be met early in the new year, particularly for clothing for the children."

"Such a fund will prove a blessing to those whose circumstances are necessitated through extraneous conditions. It would be administered by the charity committee of the council, Councillors P. Borden and P. J. Crowhurst, with R. R. F. Sewell, municipal clerk. They are in direct touch with the work, but hampered to some extent through lack of funds."

"May I therefore appeal, on behalf of the committee, for any donation, no matter how small, to this end. A personal canvass will be made as far as possible, but as the district is large, subscriptions direct to the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, would also be appreciated and gratefully acknowledged," he concluded.

Other donations which have already been gratefully received are as follows: T. Bagley, \$10; Miss Rose Hagan, \$10; Councillor L. Hagan, \$10; H. L. Salmon, \$10; P. Verrier, \$10; R. Bryden, \$50, and W. Holloway, \$5.

WILL SPEND FIRST CHRISTMAS IN JAIL

"Unlucky Thirteen" Arrive at Stony Mountain Institution to Begin Serving Terms

STONY MOUNTAIN, Man., Dec. 24 (CP).—Prison-clad, the "Unlucky Thirteen" are in Stony Mountain penitentiary today awaiting their first Christmas dinner as "guests" of the general warden, Colonel William Meighen.

Youths, who last year were at the home front, had followed the trend of bandits, some bank robbers and others members of armed gangs who had terrorized shopkeepers and housewives in Winnipeg, only to be drawn into the net of the law and sentenced to long prison terms, with the added administration of the dread lash.

The "Unlucky Thirteen" are eleven convicted bandits and two self-confessed shopbreakers—arrived here on Tuesday to commence terms which aggregate eighty-two years, and they have but one thing to be thankful for this Yuletide. Eleven will feel the sting of the lash—the leaders to have twenty strokes—but even prison authorities have the Christmas spirit. This most feared punishment will be deferred until after the new year. A total of 115 inmates are to be administered.

Some will be behind the grey walls of Stony Mountain for the span of two years—brief as the sentence of others have a next year to serve. "Unlucky Thirteen" is the name they adopted while "walling" in the provincial jail for transfer to the prison of long term. All could have appealed their sentences, which would have given them an additional thirty days at the provincial jail, but they waived this preference and tomorrow Christmas dinner at the penitentiary will be their fare.

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN IS RHODES LECTURER

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—Professor Albert Einstein, German mathematician, has accepted the invitation of the vice-chancellor of Oxford University to become the Rhodes Memorial lecturer for the year 1930-31.

The appointment will involve his living in Oxford during the next Summer term. The subject of his lectures has not been announced. The appointment is particularly significant, it is pointed out here, in view of the return of German scholars to the list of Rhodes scholarship eligibles only last year, after an interruption brought about by the war.

Grocer Engages in Philanthropic Work

HANCOCK, Md., Dec. 24 (AP).—In large letters at the bottom of a sign listing Christmas edibles and prices, in front of H. D. McKinley's grocery here, is this notice: "Anyone unable to buy come in and we will give it to you."

The sign means what it says, and the needy of this Western Maryland town have been taking McKinley at his word. For several years the grocer has engaged in similar philanthropic work, but never on the scale as this season.



"Honesty is the best policy. If I find a penny I take it to the police. And if you find a \$5 note? I take it to the savings bank."—Pages Oakes, Yverdon.

Christmas Cheer Finds Way Even Behind Jail Bars

Prisoners in the city jail are going to get their turkey and plum pudding today. In fact, the day's spread is one that would satisfy the palate of any individual, and he or she would not have to be in the confines of any jail to appreciate it.

Everything that goes to make the Yuletide dinner the appetizing menu that it is will be served those who must spend Christmas Day in the lock-up.

From the time that the sergeant calls them in the morning, until they retire for another night's slumber, the inmates of Victoria's city lock-up will know that there is a Christmas.

The breakfast menu will consist of cereals, ham and eggs, toast and coffee.

The big meal of the day will be the dinner. At this the prisoners will be served with their turkey, vegetables and the plum pudding. And then for supper, pork chops, potatoes and mince pie.

Such is the menu that inmates of the city jail will be served this Christmas Day.

LIDSTONE FREE FROM CHARGE

Provincial Police Withdraw Prosecution for Man-slaughter

DEPARTMENT CONSENTS

The charge of manslaughter which was laid against Frank Lidstone has been withdrawn in the provincial police court. The charge was laid following the accident which resulted in the death of a brother of the accused, William Lidstone, and Mrs. Elizabeth Leyland, who were among those in the automobile, which was driven by the accused, and which collided with an electric light pole near the junction of the Sooke and Metcalm Roads.

Since the laying of the charge the hearing has been repeatedly postponed. There has intervened also the taking of the evidence of the survivors who were in the car at the time, which was given at the inquest and which resulted in the finding of a verdict of accidental death.

In the provincial police court yesterday, when the case again came up, permission was asked to withdraw the charge of manslaughter. This action was taken on the advice of the Attorney-General's Department, it was stated. Permission was accordingly granted by Magistrate Jay, and the charge is now dropped.

Conditions were almost normal again at the local postoffice yesterday afternoon, the bulk of the mail having gone out to the various sections of the city by carrier and van. Last night the staff were busy until a late hour getting delayed incoming Christmas mail ready for tomorrow's delivery, when, among mail received yesterday, the contents of some thirty-four bags of British mail will be distributed.

Postmaster Gardiner expects heavy parcel post arrivals at the week-end, but has everything working smoothly to handle it, and is well over the peak of the season's rush. He stated yesterday that, while the mail figures for Monday and Tuesday of this week were away ahead of the corresponding two days of last year, he believed that for the month of December there would be very little difference between the years 1929 and 1930.

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Thursday, December 25, 1930

CHRISTMAS

This is the Month and this the happy morn
Wherein the Son of Heav'n's eternal King
Of wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born,
Our great redemption from above did bring,
For so the holy sages once did sing.

That he our deadly forfeit should release
And with his Father work us a perpetual peace,
—Milton, on the Morning of Christ's Nativity.

It is no great achievement to refute materialism on philosophic grounds. That has often been done and no doubt it will have to be shown again and again that the materialist is an intellectual bankrupt in his theories and a moral failure in the realm of practice. More powerful by far, however, as an effective refutation of materialistic doctrine, is the kindly manifestation of the immortal Christmas spirit, benign, winsome, sane, disarming, and unconquerable. That spirit conquers the cynic, the scoffer and the pessimist alike.

The vitality, the dynamic influence of the Christian religion, its sweet reasonableness, its essential beauty, the soundness of the moral code, the universality of its appeal are all exhibited in their most attractive form on Christmas Day. No creed, confession, or catechism, however comprehensive, no reasoned body of doctrine, however philosophical, presents an argument so convincing to the rational and sympathetic mind as does Christmas Day itself.

The subtle magic of Christmas victoriously outshines the painted brilliancy of all the Utopias imagined by social and economic theorists. Christmas is truly a great leveller, but it levels up, not down. It enables everyone to add something to his spiritual stature. Under its influence our social and personal judgments become less narrow and rigid. Into the relations between the several ranks of society, between the powerful and the weak, between rich and poor, learned and unlearned, young and old, grave and gay, Christmas infuses an unworried, beneficent quality that destroys the rancour of envy or resentment and thus softens and sweetens the tone of social intercourse. It exhibits in concrete form the reality and worth of an ideal, the ideal of peace on earth and good will to men.

Christmas is the children's day, the day of gifts and festive happiness, the day which makes it possible for the Scrooges to rise to the level of the Bob Cratchets. In point of fact at Christmas time there are but two classes of people in this otherwise strangely complicated world, namely, the children and the grown-up. Christmas brings to the latter many memories, sweet and poignant, and we are apt to reflect uneasily upon our lost youth, but as we warm both hands at the hearthfire of family affection we can forget for one day at least the inexorable flight of time and cherish within us the spirit of happy childhood.

It is not necessary to construct elaborate arguments and exhortations in favor of the observance of Christmas as a religious duty, as was done in a ruder age respecting another festival. An ancient formula advised the people to prepare their hearts for the due observance thereof, and with such foresight, diligence and moderation to dispose and reasonably dispatch their worldly business that they might be the more free and fit for the duties of the sacred day. Fortunately such admonitions are superfluous in the case of Christmas. To the devout churchman, Christmas, like the Sabbath, is more than a day of rest, a holy day rather than a holy day. It is, indeed, a holier and homelier Sabbath. Even the secularist is apt to look upon it as an anniversary which it would be a kind of profanation to ignore.

IMPROVEMENTS ON MALAHAT DRIVE

The praiseworthy efforts of the Department of Public Works in effecting improvements on the Malahat Drive, and in maintaining that roadway throughout the stress of varying weather, have been commented on more than once, not only by this newspaper but by all users of the highway. There is no doubt that the intention is to perpetuate the policy of maintenance on its present high level, and, as well, we hope there will be a programme of improvement carried on all the time.

Of constructive suggestions advanced for the development of the Malahat one is that certain tracks of the road should be selected with the purpose of widening them, not only to promote greater safety but so as to look after traffic for many years to come. The widening programme could be continued out of Goldstream. There are two or three dangerous spots that need levelling down. Near the point where rock work was discontinued there is widening work which could be undertaken with advantage, as also along the stretch leading to the Malahat cut-off from the bridge, south to the gateway leading to Mrs. A. W. McCurdy's residence near the summit. Another dangerous strip of roadway is that approaching the site of the Malahat Tearoom, recently destroyed by fire.

Work of the nature suggested could well be a part of the unemployment relief programme now being undertaken by the Provincial Government in unorganized territory. The improvements suggested for the Malahat could, conceivably, engage a couple of hundred men, and in the expenditure involved a share would be paid by the Federal Government. No doubt the Provincial Government has given the most careful consideration to the manner in which relief funds are being expended, but nevertheless a hint here and there may prove of constructive value. Money spent on improvements of a permanent variety on the Malahat will prove a good investment both from the standpoint of traffic which originates on Vancouver Island and that which we can look for from tourists annually.

YEAR-END WEATHER LORE

There is an old almanac which was given to the publishing of prophecies, and among these it recalled folklore affecting the weather at Christmas, and other legends dealing with the time of the year. One legend has it that when Christmas falls on Thursday it means there will be great storms at sea and the death of many women. The next summer, however, will be good and crops will come to a ripe harvest. This legend opines that wars may rage and many kings and nobles will be slain and that thieves and rogues will die by sword and knife, but that sick men will recover. Thus there are mixed woes and blessings in store if prophecy has any value.

There is another legend to the effect that when Christmas Day comes while the moon is waxing it augurs a good year, and the nearer the anniversary is to the new moon the better the ensuing year will be. Today the moon is just five days old so that the portent is acceptable and should inspire hope among the superstitious. Much folklore dealing with Christmas and the New Year has to do with the weather. Even as late as a few generations ago a great deal of faith was placed on the sky and wind before dawn on New Year's Day. Many persons used to go outside their houses and carry in green sods which they laid on the hearths. There is a poem governing weather indications which reads:

"If on New Year's Day morn the wind blows sooth,
It bodekeneth warmth and growth;
If west, much milk, and fish in the sea;
If north, a muckle Winter there may be;
If east, the trees will bear much fruit;
If nor-east flee it, mon an' brute."

The London Daily Herald, the organ of Great Britain's Labor Party, says: "It will be a long time before the country ever trusts itself once again to a Tory Administration." There are indications every day of politicians failing to keep their ears to the ground, but in a newspaper that is the unpardonable offence.

Governor Roosevelt of New York has taken out a life insurance policy of \$500,000. He will have some consolation, after death, even if he is not the next Democratic President of the United States.

One reason why the democratic form of government has proved a comparative failure is because there is too much politics in business and too little business in politics.

THE NEW GIFT

What new gift for the King in His infinite beauty today
Out of our all shall we bring, close by His cradle to lay?

Led by a glittering star to a humble and lowly abode
Wise men journeyed afar, tarrying long on the road.
Came to a stable at length—such was the wisdom they knew
Such was the task for their strength steadfast and true.

Gold they laid at His feet with homage they could not explain:
Myrrh and frankincense sweet—what could they hope to obtain?

At the end of His life was a Cross, and darkness descended at last.
Nothing but ultimate loss seemed to be borne of the past.

Peace? "Not peace but a sword"—ere the lips that proclaimed it were still
This was the word of the Lord, the mission He came to fulfill.
And men through the ages have turned swords on
Lore of destruction they learned, shunning the knowledge of right.

Dawn comes; darkness disappears; rises in glory the sun.
Out of the darkness of fear wisdom at last has been won.
Dread and the horrors of war vanish, so slow but so sure;
Peace and its blessings before, brotherhood born to endure.

Out of the welter and waste, out of the blood and the mire,
Spurning the passions debased slowly we learn to aspire;
Taught by the lesson of tears, taught by a terrible trust
To us the victor appears; triumphs emergent—the Christ.

Not of our wealth but our hearts; not of our gold nor our dress;
Not of our craftiest arts; not of our gain nor our loss
Choose we the best that we have—choose we the best that we are,
Giving to Him who first gave, led by Eternity's star.

This is the gift for the King in His infinite beauty
Humbly in concert we bring close by His cradle to lay.
—Eric Muncester.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 24, 1930.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer remains low on the Northern Coast, and cloudy, mild weather prevails over this Province. Fine weather, with moderate temperatures, are reported in the Prairies.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES

	Snow	Rain	Min.	Max.
Victoria	—	—	41	44
Nanaimo	—	—	43	46
Vancouver	—	—	40	43
Kamloops	—	—	26	36
Prince George	—	—	32	38
Estevan Point	—	Trace	42	48
Prince Rupert	—	—	38	42
Dawson	6.00	—	2	4
Seattle	—	—	40	50
Portland	—	—	34	38
San Francisco	—	—	40	54
Spokane	—	—	28	—
Los Angeles	—	—	52	64
Penitence	—	—	27	33
Vernon	—	—	26	32
Grand Forks	—	—	17	20
Nelson	—	—	18	28
Kaslo	—	—	27	35
Cranbrook	—	—	17	20
Calgary	—	—	22	40
Edmonton	—	—	16	30
Swift Current	—	—	12	24
Prince Albert	—	—	12	32
Qu'Appelle	—	—	10	22
Winnipeg	—	—	16	22

WEDNESDAY

Maximum 44
Minimum 41
Average 42
Minimum on the grass 37
Bright sunshine, 6 minutes.

5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS

Victoria—Barometer, 29.91; wind, E, 6 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.92; wind, S.E., 4 miles; cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; wind, E, 4 miles; fair.
Prince George—Barometer, 29.84; wind, S, 4 miles; cloudy.
Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.80; wind, S.E., 32 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.88; wind, E, 24 miles; cloudy.
Portland—Barometer, 30.04; wind, S.E., 4 miles; clear.
Seattle—Barometer, 29.96; wind, S, 4 miles; fair.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; wind, N.W., 4 miles; clear.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
Ring out the narrowness of land;
Ring out the thousand years of old;
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kinder hand;
Ring in the darkness of the land;
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

When our friend Mr. Moses Cotworth, whose mathematical genius seems to be inferior only to that of Herr Einstein, gives the world a new and better calendar, we trust he will make the new year begin on a different date. For although we have long been accustomed to regarding the first of January as the beginning of the new year and joining in the conventional celebrations thereof, we cannot get the idea out of our head that the new year really begins with the celebration of Christmas. The bells ring so merrily and the music sounds so sweetly on the morning of that day—the music of the Salvation Army band and the music which comes through the air from all parts of the earth through that magical instrument, the radio—that of late years, when Christmas comes around, the peculiar obsession persists that we actually are taking part in celebrating the advent of a new and possibly a brighter and better year.

Some of our theological friends may say that we are preaching a pagan philosophy when we should be trying to inculcate a Christian doctrine. We are not sun worshippers, although the sun seems to be exercising an increasing influence upon our thoughts and actions with every passing year. On the morning of Christmas Day, when the sun is shining brightly, although his arc in the heavens may still be comparatively narrow, our mood may save somewhat of paganism because of a realization of the fact that the orb which is the source of all material life and growth has completed his annual journey to the south and actually is on his way back to quicken life and growth and produce the kindly fruits of the earth in abundance, thus beginning a new era if not actually a new year according to the old calendar. But when the shadows lengthen, and when the family which may have been dispersed during the year assembles round the hearth and the table is spread, then the true spirit of Christmas prevails and the conventional trend of thought asserts itself.

The Great Light which first burst upon the world on the morning of the first Christmas Day, and which is destined to illuminate the whole of the earth, was not of a materialistic origin. It was heralded with the divine song: "On earth peace and goodwill towards men." It proclaimed a great and vital truth, but the world has been slow to receive and adopt it. There may be a spirit of complete goodwill in the homes where the families are gathered together according to custom to celebrate the day with feasting and song, but the domestic spirit is not the spirit of the nations. There are vacant chairs around the family board, for every passing year takes its toll of the living and produces melancholy reflections as to what another year may bring forth, and a kinder feeling for those who are left. The associations of the nations are not so intimate. The time has not yet come "when men to men the world over shall brethren be for a fact."

Instead of trusting one another, the nations are acutely distrustful of one another. In this part of the world the sun is shining brightly and bringing promises of brighter and more prosperous times; but in other parts of the world the clouds are gathering and storms are brewing in portent of troublesome days and nights of disaster. The time does not yet appear to have come when the prophet shall arise and proclaim with confidence, "neither shall there be any more war." Lord Cecil, who has been constant in his efforts to promote international peace, declares that all his efforts have been vain; that the nations distrust one another and are aiming against one another. The dreadful experience of twelve years ago is forgotten already, and some of the nations are preparing for another conflict. International jealousies and ambitions, supplemented by general business depression, have created a spirit of ill-will which is not likely to be dispelled by this annual season of goodwill.

Canada has also passed through a very trying period during the year which for the sake of convenience we shall consider at an end. Our people are not feeling quite so kindly toward one another as they usually do at this festive season. The people of the great central provinces have suffered great business tribulations, and seem inclined to believe that their neighbors are responsible largely for their troubles. Victoria probably has more reason

to be thankful for what the year has brought forth than any other place in the world. We trust there has been no actual destitution here and that not one household will lack anything needed for the celebration of a cheerful, if not actually joyous, Christmas season. And there is consolation in the thought that anything of an adverse nature cannot be long enduring in any part of Canada. Governments are taking measures to assist the farmers over their temporary period of difficulty and to re-establish them in the path which leads to prosperity. Before the dawn of another Christmas Day a new and hopeful spirit will have taken possession of our people and we shall all join in celebrating a really merry Christmas and wishing all, "each and every one," a happy New Year.

YULETIDE, 1930.
Christmas bells are ringing
Across the sea, across the sea;
Christmas thoughts are singing
Their melody to you and me;
Christmas letters winging
Their words of cheer from far and near;
Christmas time is bringing
Cares sincere of friendships dear.
Christmas, friends, is giving
A chance to tell I wish you well;
Christmas is longing
Disputes to quell, for love to dwell;
Christmas Day is speeding
Along to bring, without a sting,
Christmas fun entrancing.
So let us sing an' ev'rything
Christmas cheer is bringing.
We love its zest, we crave its jest;
Christmas fare's enticing—
Old friends, or what is left;
Christmas wine is jolting;
In ev'ry glass—there's fun and "saw";
Christmas night's provoking—
For, then, alas, must Christmas pass.
R.D.M., Victoria, B.C.

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SWEETSTAKES AND HOSPITALS
Sir—I noticed a letter in today's issue of your paper regarding a sweepstake to raise funds, or a fund, for hospitals in this city. I endorse the intention strongly. I have lived many years in the Argentine where lotteries are legalized. The Government takes 30 per cent of the total and thereby helps to keep taxes down, and the Government does good in many ways with the tax on lotteries. On December 1st the big Argentine Christmas lottery is drawn, the first prize being 2,000,000 pesos, or more or less \$500,000 Canadian. There are 10,000 prizes given altogether. I believe the Government collects from this lottery, more or less, \$1,500,000. I think one good sweepstake on the New Year's eve, and one on the Derby (English) would set the Victoria hospitals on the way to happiness, and health for future patients.

CHARLES P. HENSTOCK.
Mount Newton, Saanichton, B.C., December 23, 1930.

BUY HOME-MADE GOODS
Sir—The Colonist has had some interesting reading matter lately. Interesting enough to make one think and ponder. I refer to some of the items of poverty, cases of people in dire want, and yet I have always understood that Victoria is one of the wealthiest cities of North America per capita with its many millionaires.
The Colonist is sent, I believe, far afield, and people reading of such things must wonder at the state of things. It seems to me that charities are not a real and permanent solution to the problem, but merely act as a temporary salve-off until the next period of hardship.
I firmly believe that if we were more thoughtful with our buying this would go a long way towards rectifying the state of things.
When we give a dollar to a charity we hope it will do a little good to someone, but when we buy something that is produced in our own country or town we know it is helping our fellow man.
I am of the opinion that thousands of dollars go out of Victoria annually for goods that can and are being produced here. It is always a sickening sight to see an empty store and read of another business gone smash, and I always see a vision of another good citizen broken in spirit who will have to seek elsewhere for a living, and also more youngsters of the present and future who will not have an opportunity to get started.
I wonder if the average well-to-do Victorian realizes that when his dollars go out of Victoria he is depriving men here of a sufficient income to maintain their self respect, in many cases men who fought overseas and judging from the papers were considered such a pride to our town.
So I would suggest that when we buy let us inquire if the article is manufactured or grown on our little island, for if you give the dad a job he will be able to get the food.

H. L. JOHNSON.
1025 Port Street, Victoria, B.C., December 23, 1930.

The Rhyming Optimist

By Aline Michaels

NEW HOUSE
Upon the threshold, questioning, I stand;
Beyond with welcome bright the hearthfire gleams,
Through lofty windows light, on either hand,
In paths of mellow radiance brightly streams.
Here are the things of poised insouciance
To fit the moods of the sophisticated;
A table of glass, by happy chance,
Waits near a chaise longue of the latest date.

Old things as well give greeting as I pause,
A shabby chair and many a well-worn book.
Old things which are thrice dear to me because
They bring to this new house the old home's look.
A moment at the door I hesitate,
What changes, what events
Herein may wait?

Tides at Victoria

Time of tide (Pacific Standard Time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December.

Date	H.M.	P.M.	H.M.	P.M.	H.M.	P.M.
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30	12:14	12:14	12:14	12:14	12:14	12:14

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Time of moonrise and moonset (Pacific Standard Time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December.

Date	Rise	Set
1	3:59 a.m.	3:42 p.m.
2	3:58 a.m.	3:39 p.m.
3	3:57 a.m.	3:36 p.m.
4	3:56 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
5	3:55 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
6	3:54 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
7	3:53 a.m.	3:24 p.m.
8	3:52 a.m.	3:21 p.m.
9	3:51 a.m.	3:18 p.m.
10	3:50 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
11	3:49 a.m.	3:12 p.m.
12	3:48 a.m.	3:09 p.m.
13	3:47 a.m.	3:06 p.m.
14	3:46 a.m.	3:03 p.m.
15	3:45 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
16	3:44 a.m.	2:57 p.m.
17	3:43 a.m.	2:54 p.m.
18	3:42 a.m.	2:51 p.m.
19	3:41 a.m.	2:48 p.m.
20	3:40 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
21	3:39 a.m.	2:42 p.m.
22	3:38 a.m.	2:39 p.m.
23	3:37 a.m.	2:36 p.m.
24	3:36 a.m.	2:33 p.m.
25	3:35 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
26	3:34 a.m.	2:27 p.m.
27	3:33 a.m.	2:24 p.m.
28	3:32 a.m.	2:21 p.m.
29	3:31 a.m.	2:18 p.m.
30	3:30 a.m.	2:15 p.m.

DEPORT FOREIGN CRIMINALS

Sir—It may be a little consolation to read in The Colonist that eleven bandits in Winnipeg have just been sentenced to an aggregate of seventy-eight

John Antle and Columbia Remember Coastal Hamlet At This Festival Season

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Current Features in the World of Art



Family Group by Seymour M. Stone

Portrait of a Young Lady by Amigoni

ABOVE are reproduced current items of interest to art lovers. The family group by Seymour M. Stone of Lady Cynthia Patrick Ramsay, sister-in-law of Princess Patricia of England, and her two children, Christopher and Pamela, is now on view in galleries of Fine Art Society, Toronto. The portrait of Rev. J. Davidson MacDonald, pioneer Canadian missionary to Japan, has been painted by J. W. L. Forster for the boardroom of the United Church of Canada. Charming "Portrait of a Young Lady," by Jacque Amigoni.

Obituary

FRONLUND—The death occurred Wednesday at Marigold, Saanich, of Karin Fronlund, aged eighty-six years, native of Sweden, and a resident here for twenty-nine years. She is survived by one son, Peter Fronlund, Ladysmith, and two daughters, Mrs. Annie Clunk, Victoria, and Mrs. M. Swanson, Vancouver. The remains are resting at the Thomson & Fetterly Funeral Home, from where service will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Clem Davies will officiate.

COLUMBIA SAILS OUT

The Columbia left Vancouver at the first of the month with all surplus space loaded with boxes of gifts, fruit, decorations and other preparations for their extended trip. Many of the boxes came from the East, where supporters of the mission have collected toys and clothing. Between sailing from Vancouver and the start of the Christmas trip, the Columbia will put out to cover the 700 miles necessary to bring the holiday spirit and gifts to children whose whole life is dedicated to waiting for another picture show and Santa Claus.

REV. JOHN ANTLE

Who for many years has conducted a mission in British Columbia, "Skipper" Antle is at present aboard the hardy old Columbia as she heads north to take Christmas cheer to lonely outposts.

mas trip, all those gifts will be carefully wrapped in tinsel and paper, for not one thing is overlooked that might bring a little more thrill to these tots.

The cheerful crew, that acts in all capacities that are required for the versatile life of this mission, are young men. Capt. E. G. Gifford was a naval man during the war, and is now considered one of the best skippers on the coast, for his work takes him, where all there are crannies of this intended shoreline.

The engineer is young Cecil Fitzgerald, and in addition there is a doctor and the "skipper." Last but not least is Tony, general factotum, whose cheerful grin is known in every spot on the coast.

IN TREACHEROUS WATER
From the end of Queen Charlotte Island, in and out of the treacherous shoals and rocky passages, the little boat travels. Pine Point, Canada's farthest West settlement, last stop before Japan, welcomes the craft. Blunden Harbor, where there are only five adults and one boy of nine, is another stop. Seymour Inlet, whose ravaging waters have conquered many a boat, generally gives them a mighty toss. Last year they were held up three days here by the terrific storms which tossed the small craft like a cork.

But there are other times besides storms which may delay their schedule. Sometimes the radio wireless starts its tapping, and a show is closed hastily, as the hospital boat puts out to tend a injured person or carry a critical case to one of the mission hospitals. But, that duty performed, it comes back and the crew good-naturedly starts all over again.

Agricultural Society Secretary Sentenced
PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 24.—Arthur Herbert Marriott, accountant, of Port Alberni and Alberni, appeared before Magistrate Gordon Campbell on Tuesday charged with theft of \$347 from the Alberni Agricultural Society, of which he was secretary. He was committed for trial, and appearing later in the day before Judge Barker, of Nanaimo, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in jail.

Declines to Comment
TORONTO, Dec. 24 (CP).—Hon. Arthur Meighen declined to comment today on rumors that he might re-enter politics by contesting East Hamilton in the forthcoming by-elections with the Finance Portfolio as a possibility, in the event of his being the successful candidate. Mr. Meighen returned from Ottawa this morning.

The war of individual bus owners against the new bus monopoly in Lima, Peru, has resulted in the city company buying all other lines.

OLDHAM—The funeral of John Niven Oldham, who passed away in this city on Sunday, was held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of the E. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home. Many friends were present, and during the service Mrs. Arthur Dowell sang "Abide With Me" and "My Jesus, My Jesus." Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott officiated, and interment was made in the family plot at Royal Oak Burial Park. Members of Camoosun Lodge, No. 80, A.F. & A.M., attended the service, and at the graveside the Masonic burial service was read by Wor. Bro. Robert. The following acted as pallbearers: Bro. E. Garwood, A. MacArthur, J. M. Patterson, William Niblock, J. R. Saunders, B. C. W. Lilley, T. G. Bell and A. R. Driver.

CLARKE—Funeral services for Annie Clarke, who passed away on December 22, will be held from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. December 26. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

YATES—There passed away at 1144 Esquimalt Road, yesterday, Rachel Annie Yates, aged forty-two years. She was born in Manchester, England, and was a resident of Victoria for the past eight years. She is mourned by one sister, Fannie Cook, also a brother-in-law, Frank Cook, of Victoria. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Canon Stocken will officiate, and interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

FINNERTY—The funeral of Michael Finnerty, who passed away at Duncan on December 20, will take place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment will be made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

STAVELEY—The remains of Mrs. Emily Ralph Staveley are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. de B. Owen officiating. Interment will be made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

MALONE—There passed away in this city on December 23, Miss Mollie Malone, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Talbot Malone, of Ingersoll, Ontario. She was aged forty-five years, born in Ingersoll, and had visited in Victoria for the past four years, her

late residence being 2330 Hampshire Terrace, Oak Bay. She is survived by one brother, E. T. Malone, of Toronto; three sisters, Miss Dora Malone, of Victoria; Miss Malone and Mrs. Barrie, both of Woodstock, Ont. Funeral services will be held at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Canon Nunns will officiate. The remains will be forwarded later to Woodstock for interment.

BOSCOE—The funeral of Louis Boscoe, who passed away in this city on Sunday, took place on Wednesday from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, and proceeded to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father J. R. Buckley was the celebrant. Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery, with the following as pallbearers: G. Chapman, F. Hart, H. Johnson and P. Morris.

MONTERO—There passed away on Wednesday, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Miss Sadie Montero, aged sixty-nine years, of 1264 Denman Street. Miss Montero was born in Victoria, and was the widow of a nephew, Everett Carter, of this city, and Roy Carter, of Seattle. The remains are resting at McCall Bros' Funeral Home. Announcement of funeral will be made later.

LEWIS—The funeral of Mrs. Kate Lewis will take place on Saturday morning, proceeding from the home of her daughter, 720 Wilson Street, to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock. Rev. Father C. E. Evans will be the celebrant. Interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

C. H. PEARSON, CITY FOREMAN, PASSES AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL
There passed away Wednesday morning, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Charlton Hedley Pearson, aged seventy-one years. Mr. Charlton was a resident of this city for the past twenty-seven years, and was for many years foreman of the city's rock-crushing works. He was born in Northumberland, England, and survived by his widow, at the family residence, 18 Cambridge Street; one daughter, Mrs. Jesse Swartz, Sedro Woolley, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Frank Leroy, of Victoria, and four brothers, John, of Vancouver; Thomas, of Nanaimo, and William and Fred, both residing in this city; and two grandchildren. The funeral will be held on Saturday from the Sands Funeral Parlors, and interment will be in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS RECITAL GIVEN BY STUDENTS
Before a large gathering of parents and friends, the students of Miss Merle North, L.A.B., gave a successful Christmas recital at the New Thought Temple on Wednesday afternoon last. The programme consisted of many enjoyable vocal solos, piano numbers and duets. At the close of the programme Miss North was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Miss Sheila Maxwell as a token of appreciation from her pupils, after which refreshments were served.

Indian Scientist Wins Award
Solemn Indian scientist, winner of the 1928 Nobel Prize for physics, who is the second Indian to be honored with this award, the first being Sir Rutherford, is Dr. Sir C. V. Raman.

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POPE SPEAKS ON CHRISTMAS EVE
Pontiff Addresses Cardinals—Plea Made for Peace and Good Will

PROBLEMS DISCUSSED
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP).—A plea for better relations among the classes as a remedy for the world problem of unemployment was made by Pope Pius XI in his Christmas Eve message today. Better social and international adjustment, inspired by greater justice and Christian charity, will relieve the unemployment crisis which has taken labor and bread from so many families, the pontiff told the assembled College of Cardinals.

It would be difficult, the Pope warned, for internal peace of intelligence and hearts to reign and endure if the strong motives of contrast are made to arise and continue among the citizens and social classes from the unequal distribution and proportion of advantages and burdens.

The pontiff declared that this cooperative harmony must be made the basis of relations between nations also. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for peace to reign, he warned, if in place of a league of genuine love of country there reigned an egoistic and inflexible nationalism—that is to say, hate and envy in place of mutual desire of good; diffidence and suspicion instead of concord and co-operation; ambitions of hegemony and domination instead of the safeguarding of all rights, especially those of the small and weak.

VERNON MAYOR TO BE OPPOSED IN JANUARY
VERNON, Dec. 24 (CP).—Alderman E. W. Frowse announces that he will retire and enter the contest for mayor against Mayor L. L. Stewart. Alderman Frowse has in office for five consecutive years, having an unbroken record of victories in the three elections in which committee. Mayor Stewart has been there were contests.

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AT ELEVENTH HOUR

Hordes of last-minute shoppers invaded the downtown streets of the city last night to make last-minute purchases before going home to spend Christmas with families, friends and acquaintances.

In the early hours of the night, traffic was erratic, due to the vast number of automobiles hurrying to appointments and merchants' trucks on last-minute deliveries. The spirit of Christmas was everywhere apparent, the mechanic hurrying home from his work with lunch pail and Christmas packages, the office boy with the belated remembrance from the "boss" skirting around corners to buy a long-looked-for gift; the office girl, wreathed in smiles, gathering up an assortment of parcels left at various places, and lastly, the night wanderer, buffeted by the drifting throng, making his way to the nearest place of abode, smilingly happy with good cheer and the everlasting spirit of the generosity of the populace.

Within the glass windows of the shops, merchants gazed on the wreckage of the invading army, calculated their business and, some gladly and others forlornly, closed their doors for the night, the last big night of the year. The City Hall tower struck the mystic hour of 12, lights commenced to flicker out, and by 1 o'clock the city

streets were almost deserted save for a few late revellers who gave vent to their feelings to the dismay of "the cop on the corner."

It was the end of Christmas Eve, the night before the gladdest day that brings joy untold to the younger folk and makes the old forget their years in memories of days that have gone and gives the infirm courage in the light-heartedness of the young. Joyful Christmas tide.

Back of the main streets a police reporter curried the darkened lanes for news. Two o'clock. The night is still. The "cop on the corner" has gone.

TODAY IS CHRISTMAS DAY!

MARIONETTES WILL PERFORM ALL WEEK

Unique Free Entertainment to Take
Place Four Times Daily at
Spencer's

For a whole week, beginning on Saturday, four free marionette shows will be given daily at Messrs. David Spencer's, Ltd.

The treat has been specially devised for children, and for that reason will be given in Toyland, the second floor, where, it is hoped by the management, youngsters will come in large numbers to enjoy the unique entertainment.

Marionettes are seldom seen nowadays, and for that reason the opportunity should not be missed. "Dolly" and "Sonny" are the two principals, and will be assisted by "Beppo, the Clown," "Jack-in-the-Box," "Punch" and "Judy," and a number of other attractive little characters impersonated by doll actors, who go through all the gestures and movements of real people. Automations though they be, and partly because they are automations, they have a wonderful power for making people laugh, and children will be further assisted to understand their gesticulations because of the dialogue which the little figures will have.

City & District

Chosen Magistrate—William F. Rothwell, of Wardner, B.C., was appointed temporary magistrate by order-in-council yesterday.

Showered Himself Happy—Only one offender appeared in the city police court yesterday morning, and he was charged with having been intoxicated and of appearing in a public place. He admitted the offence with a smile, and, under the statutory penalty of a \$45 fine was imposed, he acknowledged the pronouncement with another smile, cheerfully adding, "I'll pay it," as much as to say it was worth the amount charged.

UNEMPLOYED ITALIANS BRAVE ALPINE PERILS SEEKING FRENCH JOBS

MOUTIERS, Savoie, France, Dec. 24.—Hungry and cold, and at the risk of perishing from exposure or of being buried in snow, Italian workmen traveling in groups, have recently crossed the Alps in search of work in France. Harrowing tales of misery and hardship were told by a party of eleven, which negotiated the Little St. Bernard Pass recently and, reeling, staggering from fatigue and cold, reached the village of Bourg Saint Maurice.

The party was composed of twelve when it left Italy, but one of their number disappeared in a snowdrift high in the Alps. French "Blue Devils" and Italian carabinieri searched the pass for the missing man, but failed to find him. Inasmuch as the men had no work contracts, the eleven survivors were deported into Italy, going through Modane in a nice, warm, third-class passenger car.

The problem of keeping these impetuous Italian workmen out of France has become a serious one for the French frontier authorities.

FOUND OUT

A very mean man went into a glassware shop in search of a present for a friend. After spending some time looking at different articles and finding them all too expensive, he at last saw a vase which was broken in several places. He inquired the price, and, finding it was practically nothing, decided to send it to his friend, hoping that he would think it had broken in the post.

Accordingly he asked the assistant to pack and dispatch it.

A few days later he received the following reply from his friend:

"Thanks for the vase. So thoughtful of you to wrap up each piece separately."

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

"Nature," explained the lecturer, "always tries to make compensation." For instance, a man loses an eye, the sight of the other one becomes stronger, and if one grows deaf in one ear the hearing of the other becomes acute, and so on.

"Faith," said Pat to his neighbor, "and Olive noticed that when a man has a leg shorter than the other, the other is always longer."

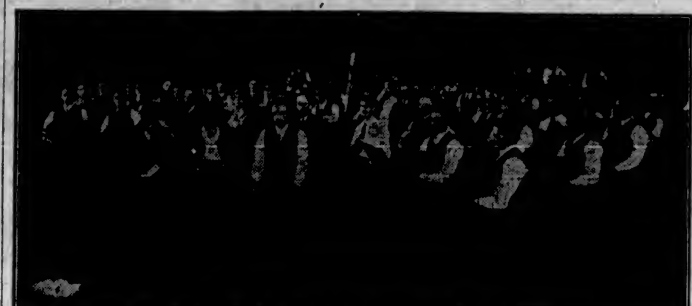
INDEPENDENT

"My name's Miss Jenkins," said the new maid.

"But you don't expect me to call you Miss Jenkins?" asked the mistress.

"Oh, no. I have an alarm clock," replied the maid indignantly.

Toronto's "Shirt Sleeve Symphony"



WHEN the Toronto Symphony Orchestra goes down to the studio Sunday afternoon to play for Canada, it goes prepared for work. With the exception of the conductor, Dr. Luigi von Kunitz, and the concert master, Donald Hering, who usually go in frock coat for the sake

Just Roamin' Around



BY TWO ROVERS

"Wake up, Rover! It's Christmas Day! And we two Rovers should be, and we are going to try to be, nay, going to be, the very happiest 'two rovers' in the whole bloming world! Because, we have discovered so many kind, true friends this year of grace; this year, that is almost at its end; this year, that is about to usher in its successor, the New Year, which is coming to us all 'with healing in its wings,' cures for the hard times we have all experienced of late; and good, healthy, better-than-ever business for one and all. So, no wonder we are cheerful and, also, mightily grateful for the simply countless good things that have come our way of late."

"A Happy Christmas, Rover, old top! and to everyone else, everywhere! But especially to, first of all, the many kind people, who are all through the 'Valley of the Shadow,' only a few months ago; then to the dear, kind lady and her equally dear, kind husband, who are brother-like and sister-like, and who helped us to rejuvenate ourselves; then to the gentleman who said, 'he straightaway gave us a job, Rover; and to the Editor and the staff, who gave us good advice and encouragement; and to the many, many, most hospitable, generous and neighborly chums, who have been a real find, especially after getting to think that the world truly is, a bit of all at all."

"Hurrah! Rover, it's Christmas Day and we can wish everyone a Happy, Happy Christmas, and do with a right merrie heart, wital."

We knew a little girl who nightly said her prayers and she always enumerated her relatives in their advent-on-earth order, and wound up with, "and bless everyone else, too." One night she missed an uncle in her fervent enthusiasm, and her mother, who stood nearby, hearing her scamp the last part of her intercessions, said gently to her, "M' dear, haven't you forgotten someone, in your prayers, to-night? 'Have I, Mummy?" came the reply, then I'll begin all over, again."

The long list of relatives, friends, acquaintances, etc., over, she finished up with this: "And, please God, bless all those I've forgotten and fill in the list yourself; I'm tired and want to go to sleep!" That's a bit how Rover and I feel; we've had such a wonderful time lately, and found so many new and true friends to add to all the old friends who are true and true blue, that we are unable to express all our gratitude at once and ask Him, who really knows, to fill in the long list, Himself. And we know He will.

Now, as this lovely city of Victoria is a great port and is destined to be a still greater port, a fact that is often forgotten, and although we have the sea almost around us as it roams from Flatery to the Gulf Islands, I will close with a line or two about what Rover and I feel about this great day, Christmas Day.

It is the way we set our sails that determines our course; for we are arbiters of our journey's end, the captain of our own individual barge, through rough and smooth, fair or foul weather. The happy end terminal of life's voyage depends, very largely, on the way we trim our ship, and to what extent we, as sailors of life's seas, use and trust our Pilot.

We are all of us bound for a distant shore, across the vast seas of Time, throughout the oceans of Eternity; but, we know that ever is the Master-pilot on the bridge, and ever is even the faintest gleam beneath His Sheltering Wings, who

gives us ne'er a storm so fierce we may not survive it, nor deth He let us become becalmed any longer than our provisions of strength and hope and courage and will power may last out.

No tempting point, no jutting rocks can lure us to our destruction if we will only navigate, using that measure of skill with which He hath endowed each of us; and especially at Yuletide is His great Beacon Light of Love set for a guide to a safe haven, if we will but read and understand and carry out our sailing orders, and, like good sailors that we ought to be, obey His commands; for Christmas is the birthday of Love, and Love is God, for God is Love.

It's Christmas Day, Today! You may, By loving one, begin; Before next year, Is gone by, dear; A thousand hearts you'll win!

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the Editor will be inserted unless over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

LETTER OF THANKS

Sir,—The committee in charge of the Christmas tree for the children of the unemployed wishes to express its thanks to the press, radio station CFCF, various theatres, the Army authorities, and all those who donated gifts and all others who helped to make it a success, for their kind co-operation, and wishes them in the Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. HOULAHAN,
E. W. MERRIMAN,
For the Committee,
620 Broughton Street, Victoria, B.C.,
December 24, 1930.

"CONVERTING COAL INTO FUEL OIL"

Sir,—In view of the great interest manifested locally and nationally in an increased market for coal, and noting an article published in your paper under date of the 23rd inst. entitled "Converting Coal Into Fuel Oil," the writer begs to submit the following for your readers' information:

The hydrogenation or liquefaction of coal is and has been for several years a well known art to the writer. It was first expounded by Dr. Bergius at a Pittsburgh coal conference in the early part of 1927, the writer being present. It is evident that our coal production at the present time is in a deplorable state, but relief will not come from methods so expensive that they are beyond reach and not economical at the present time of application, nor will relief come from promoters exploiting this or that low temperature carbonization process which evolves itself only into a stock proposition, and that is the beginning and the end of it. All this can only retard progress in the development of the coal industry, to almost the point of despair.

There is at present a method and apparatus being demonstrated in your city which solves every perplexing problem entirely and at the same time possesses the governing virtue of being extremely flexible in every way. The apparatus is constructed in unit sizes and can be put up in practically any capacity desired and yet prove profitable, with the continuous addition of capacity from time to time without interfering with, or depreciating the value of the original installation. The apparatus can operate and produce phenomenal results on material submitted for treatment and, as well, the same equipment can employ simultaneously or singularly any method of operation in retort practice conceivable to the human mind.

The operation includes hydrogenation, liquefaction, hydration, distillation, distillation (either dry or steam), etc. This great virtue of flexibility is made possible by simplicity and understanding of design, construction and operation of the apparatus, plus the application of a new discovery and invention of an original phenomena which explains in a simple manner, and yet completely, the cosmos.

The invention in retort practice and operation, is producing phenomenal results both as to yields and economy, which otherwise could not be obtained even to a small degree. It is the lowest temperature carbonization and distillation process on earth.

Outside of retort practice and operation, this phenomenon is manifested in all material life and development. The phenomenon is, therefore, the cause of all progressive stages of matter, instant changes of matter and instant separation of matter. This phenomenon is the cause of the ninety-two chemical elements we have, which, in turn, again make up everything else we have of material worth.

The contemplation of these hitherto-mis methods would be extremely humorous to the informed mind if the subject matter were not so serious. Dr. Bergius opens his article with the following statement: "The discovery of catalysts enabled the products of the hydrogenation process to be determined at will." In reference to the above statement, the writer wishes to point out that the process at present in operation in your city makes unnecessary, and in fact, eliminates any and all catalytic agents or catalysts because the process is in, and of itself, the underlying cause of all catalytic action, including all other material action.

This subject is of extreme importance to the people of Vancouver Island as well as British Columbia, and, in fact, to all of Canada, considering the enormous wealth in resources the Island and British Columbia are blessed with—the green and valuable deposits of coal and abundance of iron, which, if the writer is not mistaken, the province of British Columbia has at least 10,000,000 people on Vancouver Island.

M. P. P. RILEY,
1790 Beach Drive, Oak Bay, B.C.,
December 24, 1930.

APPROPRIATE

He had been waiting, vainly but so patiently, in the postoffice without attracting the slightest attention from either of the damsel behind the counter.

"The evening cloak," one was explaining rapturously to the other, "was a redingote design in gorgeous brocade, with fox fur and wide pagoda sleeves."

At this point the exasperated customer (himself married) broke in with:

"I wonder if you could provide me

NEW FLOATING POWER HOUSE IS INVENTION

Unique Auxiliary Plant Insures Unbroken Service to Industrial Communities on Maine Coast

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 24.—Necessity continues to be the mother of invention. A new type of auxiliary plant that is unique on the Atlantic seaboard is the floating power house. Faced with the problem of serving industrial communities along the Maine coast in order to insure a continuous service in time of drought or other emergency, a public service company recently purchased a 5,000-ton shipping board, rigged up most of its superstructure and interior fitting and all of its propelling equipment, and installed in the hull two modern 10,000 kilowatt generators.

This floating power plant, the prime requisite of which is its mobility, must be towed from place to place. Its routine duties are simple. At the port of call, connections are made to the transmission lines on the shore, and a careful watch kept on the rise and fall of tides.

The natives of Ethiopia have twice tried to poison an American negro who is their air-marshal, and once turned the petrol in his airplane, after which he decided to resign. He seems to be one of the rare type that can take a hint.

Announcements

Masters' Bakery has held the reputation for making rich delicious Christmas cakes for over twenty years. Topped with almonds or in the cut with almond paste. We will make these delicious cakes for you from \$1.00 up in any size to suit your needs. Every crumb imbued with the rich quality that can only come through the use of the finest materials and individual care to each customer. Phone one of our two stores, on Cook and on Government Street.

Do Not Allow Yourself to be the least nervous at the thought of Electrolysis as a treatment. First and foremost, Miss Hannan would not be engaged in any work about which there was the slightest doubt. For one thing she has too much self-respect. Another, too much concern for other women. And surely she may claim to be proficient at her job after twenty years' experience! So all you have to do is to just hurry up! 503 Hayward Building, Phone G 7462.

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with a neat brown stamp, with a dinky perforated hem, the loud ensemble delicately traced on the reverse side with gum arabic. Something about three-halves you know?"

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John Bull—I think not, thank you. Stick to your circus!

—News-Chronicle, London.

Vancouver Island News

Island Schools Continue Christmas Celebrations; Audiences Are Delighted

CAMPBELL RIVER, Dec. 24.—The children's school entertainment, held in the Community Hall on December 18, was the best ever held in this district. The hall was specially decorated and an addition was made to the stage. There was a very large gathering, and everyone was overjoyed at seeing their children performing so creditably. After the entertainment a light lunch was served and a jolly evening spent. On leaving the hall for home, each child was presented with a bag of candy and nuts. Special mention should be made of Miss Abercrombie's fine training of the older girls in their dancing.

Among those who took part in the programme were Roma Aikens, Joe Tucker, Sonia Sundquist, Will Emden, Gladys McLean, Betty Wikstrom, Iona Crawford, Lillian Olson, Alvina Thulin, Jack Edwards, Jane Smith, Tom Wood, Verona McNeil, Jane Smith, Kenneth McLean.

COBBLE HILL, Dec. 22.—There was a good attendance at the closing exercises of the Cobble Hill Superior School at the annual Christmas tree and concert, when an excellent programme was given by the pupils under the capable direction of the principal, Lieut.-Colonel W. N. Winby, and J. A. Roberts, teacher of Division II. Among those who contributed to the programme were: Iona McLeod, Rodney Granger, Molly Nightingale, Gundreda Nightingale, school chorus, Cicely Baldwin, Don McLeod, Ralph Bonner, Marie McLeod, Naomi Makepeace, Marjorie Alsdorf, Katherine Baldwin, Ben McLeod, Arthur Freeman. Santa Claus, in the genial person of T. F. Barry, was received with acclamation, and distributed presents as well as candy, oranges, and crackers to each child from the well-laden tree.

The cake taken in the training of the children was particularly noticeable, and as an outcome the school chorus, and a recitation by Arthur Freeman, were included in the children's hour broadcast on Monday night from Station CFCT, Victoria.



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THE COLONIST
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Celebrate Golden Wedding



MR. and Mrs. Alec McKenzie will celebrate their golden wedding today at their home on East Saanich Road, Saanichton. They were married at St. Stephen's Church, Mount Newton, on Christmas Day, 1880.

Children's hour broadcast on Monday night from Station CFCT, Victoria.

Community Chest Entertainment Proves Success

QUALICUM BEACH, Dec. 24.—The hall at Qualicum Beach was a scene of enjoyment, when about one hundred children, wearing fancy caps and blowing toy instruments, greeted the arrival of Santa Claus. There were also about fifty parents and friends. The ladies who worked so hard and willingly, and the members of the Legion and other societies who contributed the necessary funds, are to be congratulated on one of the happiest evenings held at Qualicum Beach. Santa Claus presented all present with a bag of candy and oranges.

PARKSVILLE, Dec. 24.—The breaking-up party and a Christmas tree for the school children, held in the Parish Hall, was a tremendous success. The three teachers, R. O. Sprinkling and the Misses Peary and Parkin, kept things going at top speed. Mr. Ponsford, who was Santa Claus, presented the presents from the tree, and bags of nuts, oranges, apples, candy and biscuits to each child. Percy Rushton kindly gave each child a balloon. The party ended with dancing and presentations of Christmas gifts to the three teachers from the school. Much lusty cheering brought a gorgeous evening to a close.

SOUTH CEDAR, Dec. 23.—One of the best entertainments put on in the district lately was the closing exercises of the South Cedar school under the direction of the teacher, Miss Nicholson. Miss Hamby and W. Cousin supplied some of the music, while the children presented interesting dialogues, Christmas carols and recitations. Alan Galloway and Norman Saunders were the winners of the spelling bees. The school house was decorated with evergreens and presented a pleasing appearance. Miss Nicholson presented presents on the tree for all the pupils and Santa Claus distributed many more.

DASHWOOD, Dec. 24.—The following won turkeys at the shoot on Friday evening for the annual Christmas tree and concert. A very interesting programme of songs, choruses and drills was given by the boys and girls, and a pleasing and effective playlet drew hearty applause. Rev. C. Finmore gave a short talk to the boys and girls. Santa Claus arrived at the close of the programme and distributed gifts from a prettily decorated Christmas tree. A hearty vote of thanks was given the teacher, Miss Isabelle Pike.

Fire Endangers Property Valued At \$100,000 Total

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—Fire in the storeroom of the Stover Logging Company's premises near Campbell and Milton Streets at midday yesterday did \$500 damage. The fire is believed to have originated from a defective fuse. Large quantities of logging camp and mill outfits were stored in the building along with machines, which are valued at a hundred thousand dollars. The fire was discovered after it had destroyed a number of mattresses, and prompt action on part of the brigade soon controlled the blaze. Insurance is carried on the stock by the head office of the company in Vancouver.

Kitty McKay
By NINA WLOOZ PUTNAM



Nanaimo Council Claims Default By Contractor

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—At last evening's meeting of the City Council a letter was received from the Cumberland Council heartily endorsing the resolutions sent to them by Nanaimo Council regarding the use of fuel oil in the new C.N.R. Hotel now being built in Vancouver, and a duty on fuel oil to help out the coal mining in the province. Hon. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways, wrote saying that the matter would receive careful consideration. Similar letters were received from Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, and the Minister of Mines.

E. Moore and Thomas Moore, of Sebastian Street, wrote asking for repairs in their street. They will be informed the council already has the matter under consideration.

The streets committee reported that they had investigated the complaint of Martin Callow, who claimed discrimination in favor of other property owners in his vicinity, where a rubble wall has been recently constructed on the street line. In the opinion of the streets committee, the cases referred to are entirely distinct and do not call for treatment along the same basis. The report was adopted.

A 100-watt incandescent street light will be placed on Pine Street at the point where the continuation of Albert Street intersects it.

DEFAULT ALLEGED

The council in committee as a whole submitted the following report, which was endorsed:

"Your council in committee of the whole begs to report that the Jamieson Construction Company defaulted on its contract with the city for the construction of the dam across the south fork of the Nanaimo River. In that the work was not finished by December 17, as required under the contract. Immediately upon such default, and acting upon advice of counsel, the surety company bonding the Jamieson Construction Company under its contract, was notified of such default, and also that the city would look to the surety to indemnify it against all loss and damage that it may sustain by reason of this default."

A by-law to authorize the council to purchase part of Block 14, Dunsmuir district, as a site for reservoir for water supply purposes, passed its third reading.

Sewer Extension By-Law No. 489 was reconsidered and finally adopted. Election day being at hand, Alderman Dixon moved that the platform at the side entrance to the City Hall be renewed, as the platform is used much that day. The motion carried.

Public Works Manager Shepherd reported an expenditure on streets during the past week of \$88.17, and on waterworks for the same period of \$856.05.

TURKEY COMPETITION

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—In the ladies' Christmas turkey competition at the Peter Pan miniature golf course the finals were very well played, with close scores turned in by every player. In the second flight thirty-six holes were tied and an extra eighteen more played to decide the winner. In the first flight Mrs. Mitchell, with 96, won from Miss McFarlane, with 103. Second flight: Miss Shepherd, with 80, won from Miss McFarlane, 63. Third flight: Miss McEllan, with 124, won from Mrs. Aikenhead, with 130.

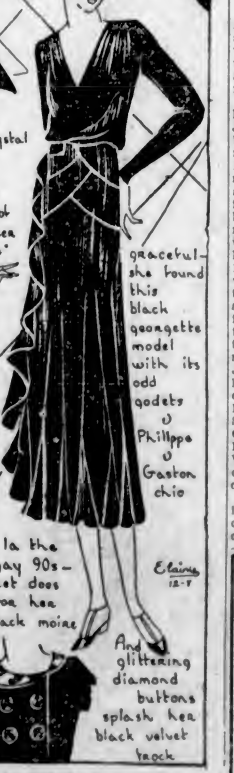
FUNERAL AT NANAIMO

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—The funeral of Mrs. George May took place from the D. J. Jenkins Undertaking Parlor yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock; interment in Nanaimo Cemetery. Rev. F. W. Anderson conducted the services at the parlor and graveside. The pallbearers being Walter Beresford, Harry Botley, Phil Fort, John Kerr, David Ross and Arthur Dixon.

Turkey Shoot Winners

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Vogue for Black Continues



Electrical Power To Be Shut Off Friday Morning

ELECTRIC power will be shut off in the Mill Bay, Shawigan Lake and Cobble Hill districts from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday, December 26, in order that repairs may be made to the transmission line, it was announced yesterday by the British Columbia Electric engineering department.

Duke of York Mine Bunkhouse Burns to Ground

PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 23.—Many well-known Victorians would have been interested when the water superintendent reported to the City Council last evening that the Duke of York mine bunkhouse, which has been used by the men working at the construction of the new city dam on China Creek, had been burned to the ground.

This bunkhouse was built about thirty-seven years ago when development was taking place at the Duke of York mine, and was made of cedar logs and cedar shakes. The mine was financed and developed by men of standing in Victoria, many of whom are now considered old-timers. It is reported that well over \$100,000 was spent on the property and that only a few ounces of gold was recovered.

At the departure of the mine operations, the property was left vacant, and for years has been used by trappers, prospectors and hunters. The flames and pipes of the old mine can still be seen.

Superintendent Brown reported that everything was in order to transfer the city water supply to the new dam. He explained to the council that preparations are now under way for the construction of the new city pipe line. The right-of-way was graded except in a few places.

Carol Service Held At Qualicum Beach

QUALICUM BEACH, Dec. 24.—A carol service was held in the United Church on Sunday evening. Conducted by Rev. C. Finmore. Every seat was filled and the congregation entered heartily into the spirit of the service. The regular organist, Mrs. E. Sanders, was unfortunately absent through sickness, but the musical part was carried through with but few omissions. G. H. Aldous kindly acting as substitute. An anthem, "The Angel Song," was sung by the choir, and it was announced that the special solo which were to have been given would be sung at the New Year's service. The pastor took as his Christmas subject, "Let Us Go to Bethlehem."

Oratorio Presented At Nanaimo by Choir

NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—Ninety dollars was the net sum to go towards the Christmas Cheer Fund realized by Handa's "Messiah," which was presented in St. Andrew's United Church by an augmented choir. The soloists for the evening were Misses Louise Starb, soprano, and Doris Lythgoe, contralto; W. Knight, tenor, and Victor Eccles, bass. The conductor was Mr. Andrew Dunsmuir, with R. T. Govey officiating at the organ, whilst Dave Arnett was pianist. Members of the orchestra were as follows: Violin, Miss Daisy Fisher, R. Robertson, J. P. Humphrey, George Motue; cellos, Ernie Mallins and J. McGuffie.

INDOOR BOWLING

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—On the local bowling alleys last evening in the Christmas handicap games, H. Wargo, in a tenguin handicap, beat H. Botley by five pins. Eric Bevilacqua beat R. Bowlsby by nineteen pins. In a svepin handicap C. Holmes and B. Coward beat T. Forelli and E. Bevilacqua by fourteen pins. S. Burns and D. Caldwell beat J. Ryan and R. Ingham by thirty-one pins. J. Alvano and H. Duncan beat W. Green and H. Squires by fifty-six pins.

Sixtieth Wedding

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jensen, of 812 Nicol Street, are celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding today at their home. They were married in Sunderland, County Durham, England, on December 24, 1870. Mr. Jensen was born in the village of Chilton, near North Shields, July 13, 1844, and Mrs. Jensen was born at Monkseaton, about three miles distant, on August 12, 1853. He followed his occupation as a miner in the counties of Durham and Northumberland at several collieries, the major portion of the time being spent at Preston Colliery, near North Shields and East Holywell, in Northumberland, leaving the latter colliery to come to Canada in 1905, settling first at Coal Creek, where he spent two years, coming to Nanaimo in 1907, remaining here since that time, and working in the local mines up until the time of the strike in 1913, retiring from active work at that time. They had nine children, Andrew, of Brechin; James William, who at the time of his death last January, was Government inspector of mines in Nanaimo; Matthew, Ocean Falls; Stanley, Nanaimo; Isabella, Coal Creek; Priscilla, Nanaimo; Maggie, England; Mary, Seattle, and Kate, Vancouver. There are twenty grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are receiving old-time friends today who will congratulate them on the happy occasion.

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Social and Personal

Personals, Parties Visitors

Hosts at Dinner

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Mackenzie entertained at dinner last evening at Government House, when their guests included Brigadier-General and Mrs. Noel Money, Colonel Charles Villiers and the Lady Kathleen Villiers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lorne Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. D. Fairbairn, Colonel Louise Payne, Mrs. Purves, Miss Mitchell, Miss Jean Wallinger, Miss Frances Fowler, Miss Lynch, Miss Helen Villiers, Miss Grossman, Miss Evelyn Rice, Miss Dennis, Miss Thomson, Miss Margaret Louche, Miss Leigh, Captain Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Brigadier-General H. C. Nanton, M.C.; Colonel Dennis, C.M.G.; Major A. Lyons, M.C.; Colonel H. T. Goodland, M.C.; Bernard, Mr. Gordon McLeod, Dr. J. A. Stewart, Mr. C. Middleton Evans, Mr. J. P. Babcock, Mr. B. C. Nicholas, Mr. E. H. McMullen, Mr. F. Nason, Mr. H. B. Thomson and Captain W. H. Molson, M.C.

Christmas Dinner Planned

About seventy-five reservations have been made for Christmas dinner at the James Bay Hotel, this evening, the banquet to be followed by a dance. Among yesterday's arrivals for Christmas were Major and Mrs. N. T. Ellis, Quail Beach; Mr. W. H. Nightingale, Edmonton; and Mr. R. Roberts, Salmon Arm.

Informal Dance

Miss Jo Delves entertained a number of her friends at an informal dance at her home on Deal Street recently. Dancing was enjoyed, and later in the evening a buffet supper was served. The guests included Misses Peace and Norah Cornwall, Margaret Watson,

Kate Parker, Phyllis Pendray, Madeline Gibbs, Jean Lennox, Ena Marshall, Rhoda Goward and Messrs. Erice Evans, Jack Watson, Austin Goward, Jack Parker, Ronald Hotham, Bob Driscoll, John Montelth, Robert Maybee, Logan Mayhew and Guy Bowden.

Home for Holidays

Miss Sally Ross, junior mechanic of the Commercial Airways of Vancouver, B.C., is at present visiting relatives in Victoria for the Christmas holidays. It will probably be of interest to her many friends in Victoria to know that she was assistant mechanic for Hon. Mrs. Bruce's plane, the Bluebird, when it was being assembled at the airport in Vancouver recently. Miss Ross is studying for her air engineer's ticket, having already secured her glider pilot's licence some two months ago.

Staff Party

The staff of the Royal Trust Company held their annual Christmas party yesterday afternoon at the Julia Frances tearooms, Belmont Building. During the afternoon a presentation of a handsome clock and silver vase was made to Mr. Jackson Hanny, who is retiring from the company after twelve years.

Surprise Visit

The members of Miss Sproule's class met at her home on Lee Avenue on Monday and gave her a surprise party. A social afternoon was spent and tea was served by Miss Sproule, who was assisted by Mrs. Pinkerton. Before leaving, Miss Sproule presented a member of her class with a beautiful gift.

In Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Henshall, Oak Bay Avenue, Oak Bay, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Henshall's mother, Mrs. T. Garvin, in Vancouver.

From California

Mr. Fred Miller, of Los Angeles, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Miller, Denman Street.

From Kamloops

Dr. and Mrs. Kingsley Terry and their two small children, Patty and Robin, have arrived from Kamloops and are spending Christmas with Dr. Terry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace S. Terry, Transit Road, Oak Bay. Dr. and Mrs. Terry will return to their home on the mainland during the week-end.

From University

Mr. Bill Means has arrived from California, where he is attending Leland Stanford University, and will be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Means, Uplands, for the holidays.

To Leave for Winnipeg

Miss Lillian Lindsay and Mr. Gordon McLeod will leave tomorrow on the 2 o'clock boat for Vancouver, en route to Winnipeg, where they will appear as guest stars at the Walker Theatre.

Here From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Goss, of Vancouver, are here for Christmas, visiting their respective parents, Captain J. S. Goss, Orilla Street, and Mrs. R. A. Barr, Roseberry Avenue.

Back From England

Mr. F. Lindsay, who has been in England for some time, returned on Monday to his home in Uplands. He was met in New York by Mrs. Lindsay, who accompanied him home.

Announces Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carter, Austin Avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace Beatrice, to Mr. Thomas Spencer. The wedding took place on December 24.

From Prince Rupert

Mr. Henry C. Gilliland has arrived in the city from Prince Rupert and will spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gilliland, Johnson Street.

Here From Regina

Mr. W. B. Lanigan, "Oakhaven," Uplands, has as his guests for the Christmas season his wife and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCallum, of Regina.

Spending Christmas Here

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Luby and their little daughter, Margot, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Luby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Norris, Douglas Street.

Returns From Los Angeles

Mr. Raymond W. Jones, who has been spending the past two weeks in Los Angeles, California, returned to his home on Newport Avenue yesterday.

With Parents

Mrs. Constance Biddle, of Seattle, is staying with her parents, Magistrate and Mrs. George Jay, Pemberton Road, for the holiday season.

From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nichol, Poul Bay Road, have as their guests for the Christmas season, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Van Rogen, of Vancouver.

From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Fowler, Tudor Avenue, have as their guests over the holiday season Mr. Fowler's son, Mr. Dick Fowler, of Vancouver.

From Seattle

Mr. Kenneth Bostock, of the Cornish School, Seattle, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. H. Bostock, 618 Battery Street.

From Vancouver

Mr. Hugh Rider arrived in the city yesterday and will spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Rider, Island Road.

Vancouver Visitor

Mrs. Gerry McGee, of Vancouver, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. David Spencer, Moss Street.

To Vancouver

Miss E. M. Macrae, October Mansions, left last night for Vancouver, where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

Here for Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Muir are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Muir, Robertson Street.

In Vancouver

Miss Mary Peace left yesterday to spend Christmas in Vancouver with her sister, Mrs. T. P. Crowther.

Keating

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Gale, Stately Crossroad, are spending their Christmas holidays in Port Angeles with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hafer.

Miss Beatrice Butler

Miss Beatrice Butler, Keating Crossroad, arrived home from Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Riddle

Mr. and Mrs. Riddle and baby daughter left for Vancouver to spend the Christmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and daughter, Florence, Keating Crossroad, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, Port Angeles.

Attractive Victorians



THESE bonny children are Marie Doreen and Arthur Robert, little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Irvine, of Duncan, formerly of Victoria, and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William Delly, Montreal Street. Both children were born in Victoria.

Island Social Notes

Port Alberni

Miss Beth McMillan, of Victoria, is visiting her parents over the holidays.

Mrs. C. Cook and her son, Darvis, left on Saturday for Seattle, where they will spend Christmas.

Miss Kate Manning is home from Normal School at Victoria, and will visit her mother, Mrs. A. C. Manning, for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. J. Strain, of Victoria, is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Strain, Eighth Avenue.

Miss Jean McDonald is home from Vancouver.

Miss Marion MacLeod, who has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hamilton, left on the Macquinn on Monday for her home at Tofino.

Mr. "Len" Robinson, of Victoria, is spending the holidays with his parents in the city.

Mrs. George Sheard, accompanied by her daughter, Mary, left on Monday for Vancouver for a short holiday.

Miss Erma Jennings, who has been attending school in Vancouver, passed through Port Alberni on Monday en route to Bamfield, where she will spend the Christmas vacation with her father, Mr. J. Jennings.

Misses Evelyn, Anne and Vera Marilla have arrived home from school to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Marilla, for the next two weeks.

Mrs. D. Lowe and son, of Bamfield, are in Port Alberni visiting for a few days.

Campbell River

Mrs. J. Smith is spending Christmas at Mendenhall Bay with her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Lee.

Miss Grant left on Thursday for Victoria.

Captain Barrie, principal of the Campbell River school, is spending his Christmas vacation at Alert Bay.

Miss Abernethy left on Friday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. H. Walters is gone to Vancouver for the holidays.

Messrs. P. and H. Barclay are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Painter.

Mrs. J. S. Grant entertained a few friends to luncheon and bridge on Tuesday. Those present were Miss Grant, Mrs. Charles Thulin, Miss L. Thulin, Mrs. C. Fitzgerald, Mrs. H. Piddock, Mrs. H. Smith,

Mrs. R. Cobb. The prize winners were as follows: First, Mrs. R. Cobb; second, Mrs. C. Fitzgerald, consolation, Miss L. Thulin.

Mr. Stuart is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. Cross.

Miss Lorraine Forbes is home from Shawanigan Lake, and Miss M. Forbes and Mr. Gordon Forbes are home from Victoria for Christmas.

Miss Lillian Payant, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. Smith, left for home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wickstrom wish to thank everyone, especially Miss Brown and Mr. Cyril Neal, for their kindness to them in their misfortune of losing their home, etc., by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gillan left on Wednesday for a visit to Vancouver.

Mr. Harold Olson is spending Christmas here with his parents.

Messrs. Charles Thulin and O. Thulin returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. W. Laing, of Victoria, was a visitor here on Thursday.

Port Alberni

Mrs. A. G. Cathro entertained with a children's party on Tuesday afternoon at her home here. The decorations were appropriate of the Yuletide season and games and Christmas carols were enjoyed by the young guests. Those present were Misses Donna Smith, Owen Whyte, Madeline Whyte, Even Whyte, Margaret Robertson, Edna Evelyn and Winnifred Hill.

Miss Maurice Hilton and Master Dick Hilton are home from school and are spending the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Hilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stewart and Mrs. Bradley's mother, Mrs. Glens in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cathro left on Wednesday for Vancouver, where they will visit during Christmas.

Mrs. Clifford Lee, who is residing down the Alberni Canal, had as her house guests over the week-end, Misses Marie McDonald, Miss Helen McDonald and Miss Van McCranon.

Mr. A. Waterhouse returned to this city yesterday after an absence in Victoria of some months. He was accompanied by Mrs. Waterhouse.

Parksville

Mrs. L. P. Davis left on Tuesday for Victoria, where she will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Reynard, before proceeding to Vancouver to visit Major and Mrs. D. Rochford.

Mr. Bernard Rushion, of Vancouver, will visit his parents over Christmas.

Miss Ruth Tryon will leave on Sunday for Vancouver en route to England.

Mr. Jack Harrison, of Vancouver, is expected home for a few days.

Miss Audie Thwaites is home from St. Anthony's School for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Kathleen Hickey, of St. Anthony's, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. F. Hickey.

Mr. Cecil Raikes, of Great Central, was a recent visitor to Parksville en route to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Abernethy left on Tuesday for Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay, of Vancouver, are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. G. Sprinkling.

Mr. Douglas Cree, of Chetumal, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. Cree, Island Road.

CHRISTMAS TREE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Over 500 Children of Unemployed Made Happy by Generous Donations

Over five hundred children were transported to the highest pinnacle of delicious happiness on Monday evening, when Santa Claus paid a visit to the Armories and distributed the presents which had been sent to him on behalf of the children of the unemployed.

His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor attended as did His Worship Mayor Anson and Mrs. Anson. His Honor briefly congratulated the unemployed committee upon its energy in procuring the success of the entertainment.

The band of the 16th Canadian Scottish Regiment rendered Christmas selections and an excellent vaudeville entertainment took place.

The committee desires to acknowledge with thanks the following donations: Franka Crochford, Mrs. J. Food, Dr. Laiden, toys; A. Friend, candy; Mrs. Collier, cake; Mrs. McRae, Mrs. Pith, Mrs. Grant, oranges and candy; A. R. Decker, cake; A. Friend, Japanese oranges; Mrs. Nay, candy and toys, books and toys; Constable Wilkinson, two boxes of Japanese oranges; Doris Ashdown, Mrs. Lombard, Bobby and Patricia Doraty, toys; Delightful Tire Shop, five gallons gas; A. Friend, games; A. Friend, four Christmas stockings and cake; Dorothy Simpson, candy; A. Friend, candy and toys; Victoria Bakery, ten loaves bread; Ideal Meat Market, meat; Fletcher's Meat Market, sliced meat; Celler & Sparks, loan of rope falls; Thos. Filimley, use of truck; Brown Cartage, hauling; McEwen, McFeely, Prior, rope; 1832 Richmond, sandwich; Mrs. Lowe, bread, apples, etc.; Boy Scouts, toys; McLeod-Dowman Co., battery service; A. Friend, two books; Mrs. Davies, toys; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ribbe, oranges and cake; Mrs. McNulty, Mrs. Gale, Jean McConnell, toys; A. Friend, \$1; John Ward, doll clothes, toys, jam and biscuits; Master Jack Banner, toys; Mrs. Zimmerman, two cakes; George Powell & Sons, Watson & McGregor, rope; A. Friend, three loaves bread; W. H. Duncan Co., eight cases of paper; Norrington's Bakery, dishes and tables; Mrs. McMillan, tube; Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. Mathews, record; 4K Bakeries, slab cakes; Rennie & White, Fort Street Garage and Super Service, electrical repairs to car; City Temple, cups; St. Mary's Guild, dishes; Children, apples; Mr. White, Christopher, cake; B. C. Electric, transportation for children.



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To one and all we send our heartiest Yuletide Greetings. May this be the jolliest Christmas you have ever spent.

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Africa, Miss Yerbury said that she considered it marvelous how eager they are to learn to read, and what wonderful things they have accomplished since they have realized that they are not merely goods and chattels of the men. Cannibalism, too, is dying out since the advent of the missionary, and Miss Yerbury has also talked with one man who has eaten over 100 humans, but is now very gracious and pleasant to meet. The pygmies, Miss Yerbury spoke of as being nomadic like the gypsies. They are from three to four feet high, and live in small leaf huts in the middle of dense forests. In the early days they were very furtive and would run at the sight of another human, but now they even travel the main highway which the Belgian Government has made through the middle of its territory.

Weddings

TINGA-SEDGWICK

COURTENAY, Dec. 22. — Old friends of the bride's family in Victoria will be interested in the wedding which was solemnized in the

Engagements

BERNARD-GILBERT

Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert, Albina Street, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Marjorie, to Mr. George Eric Bernard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bernard, of Parkville. The wedding will take place shortly.

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MOTHER'S ANGELS

WILLIE WILLIS

By Robert Gullien

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LITTLE SISTER

By Ruby Holland

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LATEST SPORT THE WORLD OVER

Squads Prepared for McKechnie Cup Game Tomorrow Afternoon

Powerful Fifteens Will Take Field in Crucial Rugby Battle at Royal Athletic Park at 2:45—Locals in Pink of Condition for Fray

With the fifteen restricted to severe training rules during the past two weeks, Vancouver "rep" squad will arrive in the Capital City tomorrow with one ambition, that of trouncing the local select team tomorrow afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:45 o'clock in what should turn out to be one of the most crucial McKechnie Cup fixtures of the year.

The Mainland coaches are restricting the fifteen to certain diets, and, according to information received here, the visitors will not devour their Christmas dinner until after the match. Victoria, on the other hand, are looking after the squad they have selected, and the Capital City coaches expect to have the boys in the best of condition when the opening whistle is sounded.

LOCALS ARE FAVORITES
Despite the reorganization of the squad, the Victoria aggregation is favored to register their second straight win over the visiting fifteen. Vancouver have added strength with the famous Murray Rowan on their front line of attack, and therefore are expected to give the local one of the greatest battles of their careers. The Islanders captured their first game on the Mainland, since 1922, about three weeks ago by a 10-3 score.

A win for the locals will put them in a fine position to capture the coveted McKechnie Cup for the first time in years.

Jack Bryden, of the Canadian Scottish, will be a fullback, while Pete Turgoose, Campbell Forbes, Fred Pease, Henry Cockin will be at three-quarter positions. Gordie "Cubby" Godwin and Harry Henderson will look after five-eighths, while Harry Robson will attend to the half-back place. Henderson will call signals to the pack, while Robson will look after the other end of the work.

Bruce Forbes, Bill Wharton, Bill Sparks, George Warnock, Johnny Rowlands, Cy Bernard and Horace Goad will form the forward line.

THREE SOCCER MATCHES TODAY

Anscomb Cup Fixture Will Open Programme at 10:30 o'clock

TWO GAMES CARDED IN THE AFTERNOON

With three matches carded, soccer fans have an attractive programme offered for their approval today. The opening game scheduled for 10:30 o'clock this morning will see the Wednesday League All-Stars taking a scheduled team from the Saturday League in the first game of the Anscomb Cup series. Two evenly balanced eleven have been selected, with the prospects of an interesting battle looking exceptionally bright.

TWIN BILL
In the afternoon a twin bill will be presented. At 1:45 o'clock an all-star junior eleven will oppose Duncan. This will be followed by a match between two local eleven known as Canadians and Britishers. Rival managers have strong squads lined up for the battle, which promises to be a keenly fought affair all of the way.

All matches will be played at the Royal Athletic Park.

THE TEAMS
The teams will be as follows:
Canadians—De Costa, Thompson, MacWilliams, Viggers, Joe Crowe, John Watt, Stewart and Watson.
Britishers—Bridges, Carmichael, Leggett, Heel, Dobbin, Smith, A. Campbell, Robinson, Clancy, Burdige and Bowman.
Wednesday League—Percy Shimpington, Walter, Leary, Scanton, Spier, Badler, Newell, Roberts, Mott, McAllister and Oakman.
Saturday League—Restall, Joe Watt, Clyde Nicol, Homer, Bunyan, Jim Crowe, Youson, Barnswell, Pettit, McElroy and McMillan. Bunyan has been named skipper of the squad, while Kester, King and D'Arcy are the reserves. The team will meet at the Y.M.C.A. at 9:45 o'clock.

THE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Canadian Section
Team—Canadians, played 14, won 8, lost 4, tied 2, 18 points.
Most points (goals and assists)—Morens, 13 goals, 3 assists, 16 points.
Most goals—Morens, 13.
Most assists—Primeau, Toronto, 7.
Most shutouts—Worters, American, 5.
Most penalties—Jollat, Canadians, 45 minutes.

American Section
Team—Boston and Chicago played 18, won 9, lost 4, tied 2, 20 points.
Most points (goals and assists)—W. Cook, Rangers, 13 goals, 3 assists, 19 points; Bun Cook, Rangers, 7 goals, 3 assists, 19; Goodfellow, Detroit, 10 goals, 3 assists, 13 points.
Most goals—Bill Cook, 12.
Most assists—Bun Cook, 8.
Most shutouts—Gardner, Chicago, 5.
Most penalties—Rockburn, Detroit, 49 minutes.

Charity Receives \$3,720.58 as Share Of Chicago Fight

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP).—Gross receipts of the Young Strubling-Tuffy Grif-fits charity boxing show, December 12, at the Chicago Stadium, totaled \$84,232.41, of which charity received \$3,720.58, the final check revealed today. The contestants on the boxing card, including Grif-fits and Strubling, who shared most of the money, received a total of \$44,903.93.

FOURTEEN TO FACE STARTER IN SWIM TODAY

Entry for Christmas Day Plunge Is Second Largest in History

HARBOR CUP WILL GO TO THE WINNER

With the filling of five entries last night the total number of swimmers who will face the starter in the annual Christmas Day plunge in the chilly waters of the Inner Harbor jumped to fourteen, the second largest in the history of the event.

The complete list of competitors follows: Bert Young, Bill Robertson (present holder of the Harbor Cup), Robert Smith, F. MacDowell, Stan Wilby, George McLean, Win-nie Pollard, Carrie Grey, Kitty Moody, G. Herbert Smith, Leslie Gill, Abe West, Bob Shade and Gordon Hall.

The swimmers will take to the water at 11 o'clock and should complete the distance in less than a minute. The race is run as a handi-capped event, with the greatest handicap being ten seconds.

Following the finish of the race the trophy will be presented to the winner by Capt. W. H. Harbord, the donor.

W. T. Stanyon, veteran swimmer, will be the official starter.

Tom Sharkey Has \$564.77 Coming From Edison Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Tom Sharkey, great heavyweight of the early 1900s, has \$564.77 coming to him, and the New York Edison Company wishes he would come and get it.

Back in 1905 when Tom was running a saloon on Fourteenth Street, he placed \$218.77 with the Edison Company as a deposit. Tom paid his bills regularly but never collected the deposit. Now, with interest, it has grown to \$564.77.

ALLIGATOR NOMINATED FOR GRAND NATIONAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Alligator, recent winner of the Grand National Steeplechase, has been nominated by Mrs. Maud Stevenson for the Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Aintree next March.

Alligator is an eleven-year-old chestnut gelding, by Iron Grey, out of Laddie. He is a clean jumper and a natural stayer and should not be handicapped by Aintree's long course of four miles and 850 yards.

Only two Americans have won England's great steeplechase, Stephen Laddie in 1923 and A. C. Schwartz with Jack Horner in 1926.

Present Standing of Clubs in Old Country Soccer

ENGLISH LEAGUE		W. L. D. Pts.	
Arsenal	13	12	24
Blackburn	12	11	22
Derby County	10	10	20
Leeds United	10	9	19
Manchester City	10	8	18
Sheff. Wed.	10	7	17
Sheff. Utd.	10	6	16
Sheff. F.C.	10	5	15
Sheff. B.	10	4	14
Sheff. J.V.	10	3	13
Sheff. A.	10	2	12
Sheff. C.	10	1	11
Sheff. D.	10	0	10
Sheff. E.	10	0	9
Sheff. F.	10	0	8
Sheff. G.	10	0	7
Sheff. H.	10	0	6
Sheff. I.	10	0	5
Sheff. J.	10	0	4
Sheff. K.	10	0	3
Sheff. L.	10	0	2
Sheff. M.	10	0	1
Sheff. N.	10	0	0

The girls battled for four eight-minute periods on the frozen ground of the Country Day School, before a crowd of 1,500. Despite the scanty and unpadded costumes of the bare-legged athletes, there were no serious injuries. Bruises, scratches and faces and several black eyes were not considered by the hardy players to be worth treatment.

Pi Kappa, making skillful and frequent use of forward and lateral passes, defeated Tau Sigma 8 to 6, rallying in the last half to overcome a 6-0 lead after a pep talk from the male coach during the intermission.

A penalty of ten yards was imposed on the visitors when a substitute came on the field bringing a vanity case to a guard whose nose had become red and shiny in the frosty atmosphere.

The boys played the last two minutes with only ten girls on the field, one of the ends having quit to keep an appointment with her hairdresser.

TASMANIA SCORES FREELY IN SECOND CRICKET FIXTURE
HOBART, Tasmania, Dec. 24 (CP).—The West Indies cricketers began the second of their matches against Tasmania today. Tasmania batted first and scored 216 for five wickets before the close of play. Top scorers were Nash with 53 and Burrows with 44.

Formation of an artificial lake near the lakes La Dule and La Salada, and construction of three hydroelectric stations in the mountains of Argentina, is projected.

To Appear Here Saturday



Desmond Anderson, Flashy Seattle Matman, Will Meet Sammy Vangler, Portland, in the Main Event of Saturday's Wrestling Card at the Tillikum Gymnasium.

In their last appearance here Anderson and Vangler grappled to a draw in a thrilling match. Saturday's bout is scheduled to go to a finish, according to F. B. Richardson, local promoter.

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BEST MATCH
The best matches on the card are the Portsmouth-West Ham United struggles. Other good games will be the meetings between Blackburn Rovers, fresh from their triumph of Saturday last over the Wednesday and Derby County. Top figures for goals will go to the clashes between Chelsea and Aston Villa.

In the Second Division, two matches are carded, Preston North End, at Burnley, and Everton, the pace setters, at Bury.

The holiday programme of the First and Second Divisions follows:

CHRISTMAS DAY
First Division
Birmingham vs. Leeds United.
Blackburn R. vs. Derby County.
Bolton W. vs. Manchester United.
Chelsea vs. Aston Villa.
Grimaby Town vs. Liverpool.
Manchester City vs. Arsenal.
Sunderland vs. Leicester City.
West Ham United vs. Portsmouth.

Second Division
Barnesley vs. West Bromwich A.
Bradford City vs. Stoke City.
Burnley vs. Preston North End.
Bury vs. Everton.
Millwall vs. Bradford.
Port Vale vs. Charlton Athletic.
Notts Forest vs. Wolverhampton.
Swansea Town vs. Bristol City.
Tottenham Hotspur vs. Southampton.

Additional matches on Boxing Day will be:
First Division
Huddersfield T. vs. Newcastle U.
Middlesbrough vs. Sheffield Wed.
Second Division
Plymouth A. vs. Cardiff C.

Trophy Presented to Great Yachtsman

Wish of Rookie and Veteran would be diametrically opposed.

Does athlete write his own stuff for the press?

By Walter Trumbull.
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From every house where sunlight beams.
And happy children are at play,
May there be some reflected gleams
For others, on this Christmas Day.

In any place which houses glee,
Before the sandman makes his tour,
May every lighted window see
A Christmas candle for the poor.

If the veteran and the rookie could step up to Santa Claus and ask for anything they wished, their requests would be almost diametrically opposed.

The youngster might ask for experience; the veteran would ask for youth again. Any performer who could combine those two qualities would have a grand chance to become a champion.

Young football and baseball players, trackmen and boxers, rely mainly upon spirit, stamina and speed. "They don't have to save their arms and legs. If they are knocked over, they climb to their feet again."

The veteran trusts to experience. He has no energy to waste in showing off, or fancy motions. He saves his strength for the moment when he has to draw upon it. He knows he has just so much left.

The great champion is almost always the performer who has more experience before he parts with youth.

There has been, from time to time, some discussion as to the advisability of amateur athletes writing for the newspapers. Now the discussion is veering toward the professionals.

In either case, the important question would appear to me to be the same: Does the man write his own stuff?

I ask not referring to the manual labor of writing. If he dictates it, the result is the same. The question is whether the language and material are his.

If an expert writes honestly on the subject he knows best, his opinion certainly is of value. But the trouble is that such a man frequently feels that he should not write honestly. He thinks honesty means criticism.

That is only one form of honesty. Deserved praise is just as honest. I always should be interested to know whom a football coach thinks was the best tackle on the field, the best guard, end, or back. But I don't care much about reading a coach's account of who won the game and the score. There are usually others who can write a better story from that angle. I want a coach to tell me not what happened, but why it happened. From his position on the field and his knowledge of the players, he knows things that I, in the press stand, only can guess at, if I see them at all.

There must be courage up above. Where all good golfers are, For we can stand on earth and watch.

The ball—a shooting star.
Across the sky, it arches high,
To drop and vanish soon.
If stars are golf balls, then I guess,
The cup must be the moon.

Nothing improves a golfer's game so much as a crowd of willing listeners.

Practically the entire country is interested in golf—but not anybody else's golf.

Santa could make a lot of persons happy by leaving them a duplicate of the Bobby Jones swing.

Merry Christmas.
Small Son—"If you don't give me a penny I will go and see Johnny Jones who has measles, and then I shall have them."

Loos Leads Qualifiers In Agua Caliente Golf

Turns in Card of 73 for Second Eighteen Holes, Giving Him Total of 144—Dewey Longworth Two Strokes Behind—Fifty-One Qualified

AGUA CALIENTE, Mexico, Dec. 24 (AP).—Turning in a 73, two strokes over par, again the low mark of the day, Eddie Loos, veteran professional of Chicago and Pasadena, led the field in the qualifying round of the second annual Agua Caliente \$25,000 open golf tournament here today. Loos had a total of 144 for the thirty-six holes, his opening round Tuesday being 71, even par. Right behind Loos came Dewey Longworth, Oakland, with 146. He had rounds of 72 and 74. Fred Morrison, unattached professional of Los Angeles, was third with 76-149.

FOUR DIVIDE HONOR
Four professionals divided the honor of the best round today. Each had a 73, two over par. In this band were Loos, Morrison, Tom Rakietz, Akron, Ohio, and Bill Foley, young professional of the Coronado Country Club.

Fifty-one professionals and five amateurs out of the field of 97 which

seed off in the qualifying round on Tuesday, came within the enclosed circle and will be allowed to compete in the Agua Caliente open over the border course, January 13, 14, 15 and 16.

A score of 168 or better was needed to gain entrance into the field. Fifty places were open for professionals and this was increased to 51 to take in the ties of 165.

FAVORITES COME THROUGH
Most of the favorites among the professionals came through in the qualifying round. Some who fell by the wayside were Sam Gayer, Chicago; Hayden Newton, Springfield; Al Collins, Kansas City; Frank Fogarty, Kirkwood, and George Martin, El Centro, Cal.

The high wind which sent scores skyrocketing the opening day of the qualifying round was absent today, but still the money brigade in the main did not negotiate the Agua Caliente course in much lower figures than on the previous day.

Complete scores for the thirty-six holes qualifying round:
Dewey Longworth, 72-146.
Ben Collins, 72-145.
E. G. Martin, 73-147.
Chet Keller, 73-147.
Charles Dietrich, 73-148.
J. Ingle, 72-147.
Bill Foley, 73-149.
Larry Staley, 85-165.

AFRICAN CHILD, KEEN TO LEARN, OFTEN DENIED
South African Commission Enquires Into Native Conditions and Outlook

TEACHING HYGIENE IS STRONGLY ADVOCATED
CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Dec. 24.—Natives are extremely keen on education, and the fathers will do all in their power to give their children sound education. Domestic requirements, however, are such that it is often impossible for native children to attend schools more than every other day, owing to their being wanted to herd cattle or do other small jobs in the locations.

This was the testimony of J. C. Ross, inspector of native schools in the Transkei, before the Native Economic Commission at Kokstad recently, according to The Cape Argus correspondent at that place.

OF EMPLOYMENT
Where there were two boys in one household, the inspector said, one very often found that they would attend school every day. The greater opportunities should be given for them to receive industrial education and to learn handicrafts. Inspector Ross expressed the opinion that the native was more useful in many directions than the uneducated native, but he also said that further education should lie in the direction of vocational and industrial education, particularly after a certain standard had been reached.

Rev. George Veal, of the Presbyterian Church, speaking from many years' experience, pointed out that the native wages in the Kokstad district averaged from 15s to 30s a month, the native was called upon to pay an annual tax of £1 a year, plus invariably 2s 6d as a penalty for the late payment of that tax. This meant that a minimum of 10 per cent of a native's earnings was in indirect taxation, while the native burden was becoming heavier and heavier, and was leading to a feeling of irritation.

BEAR HEAVY TAX
Blankets, sheeting and many other articles of necessity were bearing a heavy tax which the native had to pay. Mr. Veal said, and it was felt that as soon as the native became a large consumer of any particular article a tax was placed on such an article even if it was very often the case, such as the present living conditions of the natives, owing to their ignorance of hygiene, were deplorable and called for immediate action.

WALLED CITY IS FOUND
NURZUK, Tripoli, Dec. 24.—The discovery of a walled city in the wild Gerna district of the Southern Tripoli Desert, has been announced by Langston Moffett, of Washington, D.C., on his arrival here. Moffett is a member of the Prorok-Rosell expedition.

"A vast Paleolithic walled city in an almost perfect state of preservation," is the way he described it. Count Byron Kuhn de Prorok is leader of the party.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley



EXPLANATION FOR YESTERDAY'S RIPLEY CARTOON
Extremes Meet.—The smallest volume known is that of the electron (3.35 x 10⁻³⁰ cu. cm. The "astronomers' universe" extending to the most distant region ever explored with the aid of the most powerful telescopes is 1.443 x 10⁻²⁶ cu. cm. The ratio of the electron to the universe is 4.3 x 10⁻¹¹⁷, four duodequadrillions, three trintagintillions, of eons—A figure expressed by 43 followed by 116 ciphers.

World Famous Stories
A CURTAIN LECTURE
By DOUGLAS JERROLD
(Douglas Jerrold, 1803-1871, was a British humorist and author, most famous for his "Curious Lectures," supposedly by Mrs. Caudle, who delivered them to her husband, Job Caudle, in bed. The story of those days had current, hence the phrase, "curtain lecture.")

One day Job Caudle was so indiscreet as to lend a friend five pounds—or about twenty-five dollars. His sagacious wife, Margaret Caudle, that night delivered to him the following lecture, within the curtains of their bed:

"You ought to be very rich, Mr. Caudle. I wonder who'd lend you five pounds? But so it is: a wife may work and may slave! Ha, dear, what a fine feeling for everybody that those belonging to you, I wish people picked up money in the street."

"But you always were a fool, Mr. Caudle! I've wanted a black satin gown these three years, and that five pounds would have entirely bought it. But it's no matter how I got it, not at all! Everybody says I don't; but what's that to you, Mr. Caudle? Nothing. Oh, no, you can have five pounds for everybody that those belonging to you, I wish people picked up money in the street."

"All the girls want bonnets, and where they're to come from I can't tell. Half five pounds would have bought 'em—but now they must go without. Of course, too, I wish you; and anybody but your own flesh and blood, Mr. Caudle!"

"The man called for the water-rate today; but I should like to know how people are to pay taxes, who throw away five pounds to every fellow who asks them?"

"Jack, this morning knocked his shuttlecock through his bedroom window. I was going to send for the glazier to mend it, but after you lent that five pounds I was sure I couldn't afford it. Oh, no, the window must go as it is, and pretty soon I shall be a deaf child to sleep with a broken window. He's got cold already on his lungs, and I shouldn't at all wonder if the broken window had killed him. If that boy dies, his death will be upon his father's head; for I'm sure we can't pay now to mend windows. We might though, and do a good many more things, too. I people didn't throw away their five pounds."

"Next Thursday the fire insurance is due. I should like to know how it's to be paid? Why, it can't be paid at all! That five pounds would have more than done it—and now, insurance is out of the question. And there were never so many fires as there are now. I shall never close my eyes all night—but what's that to you, Mr. Caudle? Your wife and children may all be burnt alive in their beds—as all of us to a certainty shall be, for the insurance must drop. And after we're insured for so many years! But how, I should like to know, are people to insure who make ducks and drakes of their five pounds?"

"I did think we might go to Margate this summer. There's poor little Caroline. I'm sure she wants the sea. But no, dear creature, she must stop at home—she'll go into a convulsion, there's no doubt of that; yes—sweet angel—I've made up my mind to lose her, now. The child might have been sent to a convent, can't have their children and throw away their five pounds too."

"I wonder where little Mopsy is! While you were lending that five pounds, the dog ran out of the shop. You know, I never let it go into the street, for fear it should be bit by some mad dog, and come home and bite all the children. It wouldn't at all astonish me if the animal was to come back with the hydrophobia and give it to all the family. How-

RACING

JEFFERSON PARK, Dec. 24.—Results of horse racing here today, follow:

First race—Six furlongs:
Jesse Berrell (Landon), 4.00 2.40 1.20
Flax Porter (Gervais), 4.00 2.20
Alvie (Whitman), 7.40

Second race—Six furlongs:
One Lone How (Tanner), 3.00 4.00 2.30
Pauli Louisa (Tinner), 3.00 4.00
Suey (Cowan), 2.20

Third race—Six furlongs:
Time, 1:15 4.5. Also ran: Rhoda, Charmer, Prince Van, My Toia, Miss Hunan, Nell, Ruddy M., Fred, Don Caesar, Good Friend, Teason, Scratched: Balmbridge, Thistle Duke, All Girls, Flower of Erin, Nin Nin, Little Coventry.

Fourth race—Six furlongs:
Mulla (James), 1.40 2.40 1.40
Skebo (Hansford), 1.30 2.40 1.40
Ben Marshall (Tanner), 1.30 2.40 1.40

Fifth race—Six furlongs:
Lady Bonella (Leland), 2.20 3.00 1.40
Red Face (LeBlanc), 4.00 2.20
Broder (James), 2.00

Sixth race—Six furlongs:
Time, 1:47 4.5. Also ran: Omar Parr, Thistle Duke, Scratched: J. H. Apple, Jane, McCallan, Donkey, Furl King, Heron, Ben, Saratoga, Don Tink.

Seventh race—Six furlongs:
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Eighth race—Six furlongs:
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Seventeenth race—Six furlongs:
Time, 1:47 4.5. Also ran: Omar Parr, Thistle Duke, Scratched: J. H. Apple, Jane, McCallan, Donkey, Furl King, Heron, Ben, Saratoga, Don Tink.

Eighteenth race—Six furlongs:
Time, 1:47 4.5. Also ran: Omar Parr, Thistle Duke, Scratched: J. H. Apple, Jane, McCallan, Donkey, Furl King, Heron, Ben, Saratoga, Don Tink.

We Wish Our Many Patrons a Merry Christmas

British Police Districts Plan Aids All Round

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Theorizing that two heads are better than one, plans are being advanced for closer co-operation between the police districts of England and Wales and Scotland Yard in Great Britain's age-old war against crime and criminals. Under conditions that have existed for years, each borough in England and Wales has sole jurisdiction over its respective territory, and Scotland Yard has no standing whatsoever outside the metropolitan area of London, unless called in by officials of the borough.

HOLDING THEIR OWN
It is a favorite trick of sensational novelists to bring into their stories a Scotland Yard detective who takes control, ignoring almost entirely the local police. While unquestionably some of the finest detectives in the world today are attached to Scotland Yard, and the organization for the detection of criminals is the most modern in existence, these officers and the organization are maintained primarily to deal with crime within the London metropolitan area.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION
Some time ago Lord Brentford, who, as Sir William Joynton Hicks, was the then Home Secretary, notified every chief constable in the country that the services of Scotland Yard officers were always available to them, and urged the need for closer co-operation between the "Yard" and provincial forces. Particularly in cases of murder and other serious crime it was urged that the assistance of the "Yard" should be obtained at the earliest possible moment.

Under the present regulations, however, there is no power to compel local police forces to call in help from Scotland Yard, and in some counties the view is held that local detectives are better equipped to deal with local murder cases. Many counties and boroughs, however, have adopted the suggestion of the Home Secretary with excellent results.

The surf rolls on the seashore. The ship rolls on the sea. The car rolls on the pavement. The dog rolls on the floor. The child rolls on the horse. I'll never see it more—London Opinion.

Teacher—Now, children, as I stand at the side of this very old fossil, what is the first thing you think of?
Bright Child—Twins.
—The Pasture Show, London.

Heavyweight Faces "Mike"
Gene Tunney, Retired Heavyweight Champion of the World, as He Delivered a Radio Address Over the National Broadcasting Company Network in the Interests of the United Hospital Fund, Recently.

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At The Playhouses

CLEANLINESS OF PLAY REFRESHES AUDIENCES

"Marigold" Stands Out in Era of
Crock and Sex Appeal
Productions

"Marigold," the famous Scottish comedy, which opens a three days' engagement at the Royal Victoria Theatre tonight, comes to us with a record of a continuous run of 700 performances at the London Kingsway Theatre.

Produced at a time when crock plays or plays of exaggerated sex interest were all the rage, it so took the public fancy that, notwithstanding its long original run, it has just been revived for the third time, and with complete success.

AMUSEMENTS

On the Stage
Royal—"Marigold," with an all-star English cast.

On the Screen
Capitol—Winnie Lightner in "Life of the Party."

Coliseum—"Morocco," featuring Gary Cooper.

Playhouse—Edmund Lowe in "Good Intentions."

Crystal Garden—Swimming, Dancing and Miniature Golf.

"Marigold" is a play of clean, healthy sentiment, spiced with wit, and not devoid of dramatic situations—in one word, a play of charm.

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The LIFE of THE PARTY

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SEE
WINNIE

ADDED ATTRACTIONS
Fox News, Aesop's Fables
Forgetmenot Drama
Christmas Novelty

The Capitol Theatre Wishes Its Patrons
A Very Merry Xmas

Frontier College Doing Fine Work in North



in fact it was dubbed by one London critic a "fragrant, utterly charming comedy." Its great success, followed by that of "Bird in Hand," a piece of similar genre, only goes to prove that there is a far larger public for plays of this kind than for any other form of dramatic entertainment.

The scene of the play is laid in Scotland in 1842, when the whole country was agog with excitement over the visit of the young Queen Victoria to Edinburgh, and two acts of "Marigold" take place in the castle itself.

WINNIE LIGHTNER IS
SEEN AS GOLD-DIGGER

Picture at Capitol Theatre Features
Actress in Role for Which
She Is Famous

Winnie Lightner returns to the gold digger character—the type of character for which she is famous—in "The Life of the Party," the Warner Brothers natural color Vitaphone production which opens at the Capitol Theatre today.

Miss Lightner, as everybody knows, made her first great success as a typical smart-cracking gold digger in "Gold Diggers of Broadway," and it is in this same medium that she is seen in this new picture—a picture made of and for laughter.

No one enjoyed Miss Lightner's return to a gold-digger role more than Miss Lightner herself, who practised new gags and grimaces for several weeks before the picture went into production.

DOMINION At frequent intervals the motion picture industry produces a super-picture. One achieving the rare combination of power, sweep, artistry and universal appeal that marks every big production in screen history. Paramount has produced such a picture. It is "Morocco," the feature film today and Friday. "Morocco" is the story of a love, the story of a man and a woman. There is another man in the story, a polished sophisticate. Gary Cooper, Malene Dietrich and Adolphe Menjou play the leading roles.

COLISEUM Roy Pomeroy, who directed "Inside the Lines" for Radio Pictures, is known as Hollywood's "Jack of all trades and master of many." His latest film is at the Coliseum Theatre. Besides being a director, he is an inventor, holding patents on several sound and photographic processes, an expert photographer, and an electrical engineer. During the filming of "Inside the Lines," he amazed the studio by painting an oil portrait to be used on the set.

EXCITING PICTURE IS
AT COLUMBIA THEATRE

Audiences want action, action and more action, theatre managers everywhere say. Which is probably why Buck Jones, the Western star, has flashed into new prominence. Nobody is more experienced than



MUCH valuable work is being done in Northern Ontario by the Frontier College. The illustration shows: 1, J. C. Steacy Fair, Trinity College, and 2, the Canadian Pacific Railway extra gang whom he taught in the Sudbury district. No. 3 is another class of adults, this one being in Eastern Ontario in a Canadian National extra gang. Their teacher is F. O. Dixon, who was instrumental last August in rescuing one of his fellow workers from drowning in Lake Ontario. Frontier College teachers usually labor side by side with their men at the day's work as well as in their studies.

Jones at setting faded nerves quivering with excitement. The smiling, handsome cowboy actor and his famous horse are known all over the world. He can be depended on, with his natural verve and daring feats of horsemanship to set hearts pounding and hands clutching the sides of seats from the first flash of the picture to the last.

Filmmakers will find that he has exceeded himself to meet a great new demand for thrills in his latest Columbia feature, "Shadow Ranch," which comes to the Columbia Theatre today.

EXCITING CROOK FILM
COMES TO PLAYHOUSE

When Earle Foxe retired from the screen a year ago, many fans sincerely lamented the loss of this versatile and likeable "heavy." During the past twelve months the actor has been busy at a variety of things, but nevertheless the lure of the screen proved too much for him and his "retirement" went the way of the "farewell tours" of many other noted players.

Foxe made his talkie debut as the "menace" in Edmund Lowe's new Fox Movietone offering, "Good Intentions," which comes to the Playhouse Theatre today. This all-talking picture is an exciting tale of international crooks and their methods, with Lowe as the gang's leader who endeavors to put his past behind him and follow the straight and narrow path, while Foxe is the principal obstacle to his efforts.

MEMOIRS PUBLISHED
BY CAPTAIN O'BRIEN

Captain John A. O'Brien, who for many years has sailed the seven seas and is now a pilot for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company on Puget Sound, has just completed a book containing his memoirs of sixty-four years at sea. Captain O'Brien is now eighty years young, and he doesn't look a day older than he did twenty years ago. Although he has sailed every sea on the globe, his activities have been confined principally to Alaskan waters, and he is reputed to know more about the waters off the shores of Alaska than any other skipper, unless it be Captain Louis Lane, now a San Francisco Bar pilot.



Apologetic Motorist—I've been driving for five years, and this is the first accident I've had.
Victim—Yes, but what made you pick on me?
—The Passing Show, London.

SAILOR UNDER ARREST SAVES LIFE OF GUARD

Prisoner Becomes Hero, Gets Medal
and Is Reinstated—Corporal Sentenced

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Dec. 24 (AP).—The story of how the heroism of a naval prisoner turned the tables on his marine guard became known here today with the arrival of the erstwhile guard himself in custody.

The marine was Corporal John J. Antovich, of Foxboro, Mass., under sentence to serve a year in the Portsmouth naval prison. Several weeks ago Antovich was ordered to take a sailor, about to be dishonorably discharged from the navy, to the Quantico Marine Barracks. The trip was started on a naval tug. Somewhere en route, the corporal became intoxicated and fell overboard. The naval prisoner promptly plunged to his rescue and brought him back to the tug.

The Navy Department not only remitted the sailor's sentence but awarded him the life-saving medal and restored him to good standing. Meanwhile a court-martial ordered the guard to serve twenty-four months at hard labor. This, the Navy Department later reduced to twelve months. The name of the seaman was not divulged.

NEAPOLITANS HAVE
EELS FOR HOLIDAY

NAPLES, Dec. 24 (AP).—Eight hundred tons of eels arrived here today from Bastia, Corsica, for the Neapolitans' Christmas Eve dinner. Ten schooners, with the eels swimming inside them, brought the food which for centuries has become a necessity of the Christmas Eve feast of citizens here.

The schooners are special fish-carrying vessels, in which water flows in and out through minute holes, permitting the eels to swim around and keeping them alive. They were fished up from the schooners in special basket nets.

HAWAII MARU DOCKED

Inbound from Yokohama for Seattle, the Oosaka Shosen Kaisha liner Ss. Hawaii Maru, Captain T. Narika, arrived at Rihet Piers shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning and proceeded to Seattle at 9:30. The liner had 40 passengers for Victoria this voyage, and only a small tonnage of general cargo.

The lawyer was cross-examining the witness and browbeating him at the same time. "Now, Mr. Jones," he said in dramatic tones, "I want you to tell us if you have ever been in this court before?"

"Well, I'd rather not," pleaded Jones. The barrister turned choleric and banged down his fist. "Don't trifle with this court, sir. Please answer my question."

"Very well, then," retorted Jones. "I've been here half a dozen times before in a fruitless endeavor to find you and request that you should keep up your payments for the car you bought."

HOLIDAY Attraction!



ADDED ATTRACTIONS
Oswald Cartoon Comedy
Chapter Two
"Terry of the Times"
Mystery Story
COLUMBIA
TODAY, FRI, SAT.

COLORFUL FIGURE OF WATERFRONT PASSES

Captain French, Tow Boat Operator
of Vancouver for Many Years,
Stricken Suddenly

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Stricken suddenly while driving his auto home Tuesday afternoon, Captain George Henry French, of 2001 Beach Avenue, one of the most colorful figures on the city's waterfront for the past forty-two years, died a few minutes later. He passed his seventy-eighth milestone on December 4.

Captain French was one of the early-day tugboat owners of Vancouver, and was well known in maritime circles when the city was a cluster of buildings along the waterfront. He was instrumental in building such famous tugboats as the Sea Lion, Huron and Superior, as far back as 1892. For more than twenty years he was associated with tugboat activities in Vancouver. In the early part of the present century Captain French deserted

tugboats and entered the automobile business. But his love for the sea finally drew him back to it, and the latter part of his life was spent in the business that made his name well known in Vancouver shipping circles.

Captain French was the owner of the Denman Street wharves on Coal Harbor. One of his boats, the G. H. French, was sold to the Pacific (Coyle) Navigation Company.

"How old is she?"
"She won't tell me."
"Ah, I thought she was about that age."

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CANADA BUYING
LARGE AMOUNT
OF WELSH COAL

Total This Year Imported at
Montreal Will Be About
700,000 Tons

OUTSTANDING MERITS
DISCOVERED ON TRIAL

When it was first proposed, a few years ago, that the imports of anthracite coal from Great Britain should be brought gradually up to 1,000,000 tons a year at domestic users in the Eastern provinces this year, by the end of the season, there were more expressions of incredulity than belief in the scheme. This year two-thirds of that objective has been reached. Up to the end of October the Scotch and Welsh anthracite landed at Montreal was 440,000 tons, compared with 435,000 tons last year and 335,000 tons in 1928, and by the end of the season the total will have reached about 700,000 tons. The amount has thus been doubled in two years.

RUSSIAN COAL.
In addition to the British anthracite, there will have been landed this year, by the end of the season, over 200,000 tons of Russian anthracite. While it has been stated, with reason, that this has not displaced British fuel but rather that from the United States, it is equally true that the screenings have been "dumped" on the market and have displaced seriously the Nova Scotia coal trade. But there is a bright side to the case. If this importation of Russian coal is prevented next year (and there is good reason to believe that this will be the case) an added market of something like 200,000 tons will have been prepared for the British anthracite, and the interference with Nova Scotia coal will have been removed.

BETTER SITUATION.
In this and several other respects the fuel situation in the central provinces has been much improved during recent years, says The Canadian Mining Journal, so the stringency and the threatened danger of acute fuel shortage that resulted in the appointment of the Dominion Fuel Board and its subsequent collaboration with all the other constituted authorities and with coal has marked an important page in Canadian fuel history.

Scots Numerous
On Directorates;
"Macs" Lead All

If anyone has any doubt as to the position of Scotsmen in the direction of Canadian business, a glance through the pages of the first issue of The Financial Post Directory of Canadian Directors and Officers speedily dissolves that doubt. Of the 4,100 names in this 412-page octavo volume, published this week, no less than 517, or about 12 per cent, are in the "Mac" because of the inclusion of the "Macs."

There is a generous sprinkling of Scots names throughout, including nineteen Campbells, ten Craighams, fourteen Andersons and nine Gordons, while the Frasers, numbering thirteen, have kept right up with the Joneses. There are forty-one Smiths, but, then, some Scots claim to be "Smiths."

It takes thirty-seven lines of type to tell of the directorates of Sir Herbert Holt, president of the Royal Bank, and Sir Herbert's associate in many enterprises, J. H. Gundy, is not far behind, with thirty lines of type. But Charles Haydon, senior partner of the well-known firm of Hayden Stone & Co., interested in many Canadian enterprises, requires more than a full page, or a total of sixty-five lines, for the listing of his directorates in Canada and the United States.

There are eight Adams and a few Eves. Not all of the Eves are in minor positions; instance the case of Miss Mary Eves, who is general manager of F. N. Burt Co., and who is an executive with a number of highly-paid top executives under her. There are enough Bells for a carillon—eleven.

Dome Has Broken Ore
For 600 Days' Milling

(Mehares, Roe & Co., Ltd.)
Dome's new mill is gradually being worked in, and by the year-end should be pretty well up to its rated capacity of 1,500 tons a day. There are some departures from the processes used in the old mill, which are expected to improve results and effect some economies. Officials are well satisfied with the performance of the plant.

Mine development work during the year of nonproduction has brought the mine to a point where, to use the words of the management, "it is too far in advance of the mill." Ore resources have been steadily increased until the ore broken and ready for milling now totals 900,000 tons. This broken ore reserve compares with 740,000 tons given in the last annual statement as of last December and 600,000 at the end of 1928. Last year's estimate of 1,200,000 tons total ore reserve has also been increased during this year.

So far the lower levels have failed to supply new ore in quantity, despite reports to the contrary. This applies to the area below a depth of 2,300 feet and down to the deepest level, the twenty-third, which is at 3,050 feet. Generally speaking, conditions have not been found to be any too promising in depth exploration, but diamond drilling is being pushed with the hope of locating more favorable ground.

Despite the failure to find ore-bodies at depth, Dome's management is far from pessimistic. The feeling is held that as the mine is

so fortified with development ore a lot more exploration will be possible before feeding of the mill becomes a problem.

Dome is pretty certain of four or five years' milling on the ore in sight. The grade will be about the same as in the immediate past, about \$7.50 a ton. The cost of breaking down the broken ore reserves has been already met; it amounts to a little over a dollar a ton, and lower costs may be therefore anticipated. This depends on the scale of exploration. Broken ore supply of 900,000 tons is good for 600 days' operations, or approximately twenty months.

French Utility
Company Reports
Record Earnings

(Nehbit, Thomson & Co., Ltd.)

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—L'Energie Industrielle, one of the largest public utility companies in France and in which Foreign Power Securities Corporation is interested, continues to report record earnings, the net income for the ten months ending October 31 last amounting to 21,503,806 francs. October's net earnings were responsible for an increase of 2,741,227 francs, the figures for October being as follows:

	Fr.	Cts.
Gross earnings	17,806,220	13,959,594
Operating expenses	10,431,629	9,366,830
Net earnings	7,374,591	4,592,764

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BRITISH TRADE WELL BALANCED

First Nine Months of Year
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GREATEST IN EXPORT

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 24 (CP).—"Poor trade returns need cause no wonder," with the unusual depression in several foreign countries, especially Germany and the United States, declares a special writer in the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce official organ. "If wonder there be, it is that industrial Britain remains one of the greatest exporting countries in the world. We still export as much coal as any three foreign nations. We export the greatest volume, if not the greatest value, of steel. We build as many ships as the rest of the world. We export more ships than all other nations put together. In spite of the much-talked-of depression in our cotton trade, we are still the greatest exporters of textile goods, and we continue to pay our debts while some other nations default. But we must face the black spots in our commercial position, whilst not overlooking the bright ones."

COMPARE RETURNS
"Taking our exports for the first nine months of the year, we find a loss of \$510,000,000 in value, as compared with the corresponding months of last year. Our coal exports for the full year, it will be found, when we get the complete returns, will be about 2,500,000 tons less than they were in 1929, and 22,000,000 tons less than in 1931. Our iron and steel exports will average considerably less than 300,000 tons per month this year, compared with nearly 360,000 tons per month last year, and over 414,000 tons per month in 1931. On the other hand our imports of iron and steel this year will average about 240,000 tons."

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per month (most of which we might
make for ourselves), compared with
224,000 tons per month in 1929 and
185,900 tons per month in 1931,
whilst if we care to look back to
1907 we shall see that in that year
we exported nearly six times as
much as we imported in the iron
and steel line. At the moment, our
trade is less depressed than that of
America and Germany, but spread
over a period of years—say 1921-
1930—we have had the most unem-
ployment, and today we find our-
selves with a smaller share, or per-
centage of the world's total trade,
whereas some of our rivals have
increased their shares.

SPEND TOO MUCH
"The lack of confidence caused by
the depression in trade and exces-
sive taxation is reflected in meagre
capital investments. We are spend-
ing too much and investing too
little. Increasingly are our laws and
national finances designed to dis-
courage the industrialist and sub-
sidize the consumer. Our bank rate
has been low this year, only 3 per cent
since May—and it has been possible
indeed to get loans at 2 per cent,
and some cash accommodation at 1
per cent—enterprise has not been
stimulated."

OUTPUT OF MINERALS IS MAINTAINED

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An important outgrowth of the
mining industry is the construction
of the \$10,000,000 plant to
manufacture chemical fertilizers.
Early in 1931 the first units of this
plant will commence production
and this will be an important ad-
dition to the industrial activity of
the province.
The bulletin (No. 2, 1930) is com-
piled by John D. Galloway, Pro-
vincial Mineralogist, and contains
a comprehensive statistical review
of the industry for the year. Con-
cise reports by the resident en-
gineers give useful information on
mining activities in their respec-
tive districts; and an estimate of
production by the Chief In-
pector of Mines is also included in
the bulletin.

GROSS VALUE \$55,164,515
The gross value of the mineral
production of the province for 1930
is estimated at \$55,164,515, a decline
from the output in 1929 of \$13,080,-
928, or 19.15 per cent.

The following table shows the es-
timated production for 1930 and
comparative figures for 1929:

Description	1929	1930
Gold, placer, oz.	5,235	118,711
Gold, lode, oz.	14,319	1,000
Silver, oz.	9,818,200	1,508,270
Copper, lbs.	1,482,200	1,000,000
Lead, lbs.	302,244,269	15,269,696
Iron, lbs.	175,698,841	1,284,792
Coal, tons (2,240 lbs.)	2,351,382	1,129,320
Mineral materials		1,921,764
Miscellaneous minerals		1,773,845
Totals		\$55,164,515

GOLD AND SILVER UP
Increased quantity outputs are
shown for gold, silver, lead and
zinc, with decreases in coal and
copper, and a lowered valuation for
structural materials and miscel-
laneous products. The big drop in
the gross value is mainly accounted
for by the output of lower metal prices,
and a decreased coal output.
It is remarkable, however, to note
that, notwithstanding very much
lower metal prices, more quantities
of silver, lead and zinc will have
been made this year. Valued at
1929 prices, the estimated mineral
production for 1930 would approxi-
mate nearly \$70,000,000, which
shows that quantity production of
metals and minerals during the
year has, in the aggregate, been at
the greatest rate in the history of
mining in the province.

The tonnage of ore mined and
treated in the province in 1930 is
estimated at 6,600,000 tons as com-
pared with 6,977,681 tons in 1929.
The closing of a number of mines
at different times during the year
accounts for the decreased tonnage.

PRICE DECLINED
The average gross value of the
ore during the year is estimated at
\$8.25 a ton as compared with \$7.35

a ton in 1929. This drop of fifteen
per cent in the value of the ore
reflects the effect in the aggregate
of the lowered metal prices pre-
vailing during 1930.

The year 1930, now approaching
its end, has been an unfortunate
one for the mineral industries of
the world. The mining of minerals
and the production of metals is a
business peculiarly dependent on
world progress, and during the past
twelve months normal business has
been severely interrupted. The two
important factors in denoting hard-
times for the miner of base metals
are extremely low prices for metals
and the difficulty of marketing
these metals even at prevailing low
prices.

Similarly, industrial depression
has caused declines in all the varied
branches of the industry—at least
in dollar values. However, in spite
of an unusually bad year for the
world in general, mining in British
Columbia has held up remarkably
well in 1930. The main mines of
the province have continued to
produce, and in some instances have
increased their output; and some
new mines have commenced pro-
duction. The bulk of the metallic mineral
production of the province for the
last five years has been made by
mines and the record of the past
six months shows that many of
the small mines closing down affect
but little the total production.

SOON TO PRODUCE
During the last three years, de-
velopment has indicated that a
number of properties were likely to
become producers in the near fu-
ture. Five of these were brought
into production since December,
1929, but abnormally low metal
prices and the uncertain future out-
look for improvement have stopped
certain of these enterprises and
have caused capital to look more
for high-grade properties than be-
fore. It cannot be expected there-
fore, that the industry will do much
more than maintain its own so far
as metal production is concerned until
prices improve materially.

It is decidedly encouraging, how-
ever, that during a period of world
depression in mining (except gold)
British Columbia should have made
such a splendid record. With im-
provement in world conditions,
which is bound to come sooner or
later, the mineral industry of British
Columbia will continue to expand in
future years, as it has in the past.

METAL PRICES
The tremendous declines in metal
prices in 1930 have played havoc
with the mining industry all over
the world. It is unnecessary to
discuss this matter at length, ex-

cept to say that the prices of sil-
ver, copper, lead and zinc, have, in
the aggregate, declined more this
year as compared with 1929, than
in any previous year in history.
This condition has resulted in the
closing down of a number of mines
in the past few years, and has
made it impossible to continue pro-
duction without making an operating loss.
The first mines to feel the effect
were small silver, lead, zinc pro-
ducers, particularly in the Slocan
district. Towards the end of the
year the Copper Mountain Mine of
the Granby Company, an important
copper producer, was forced to
close. Operations were also sus-
pended by the Base Metals Mining
Company at the Monarch in No-
vember, mainly because of the de-
sirability of conserving one reserve.

As compared with 1929, the aver-
age prices of silver, copper, lead and
zinc have declined 27.5, 28.4, 22.8
per cent respectively.
At this time, it is most hearten-
ing to have the official opinion of
the Board of Directors of the Con-
solidated Mining and Smelting
Company, who in the past have
been quite successful in predicting
the trend of metal prices. Accom-
panying the recent regular divi-
dend and bonus declaration for the
last half of 1930, the statement was
issued: "They (the directors) do not
expect a continuation of present
low metal prices in 1931."

DEVELOPMENT STEADY
Development of mineral prop-
erty in British Columbia during 1930
was at a somewhat decreased rate
as compared with the last three
years. In general, it may be said
that the big factor in development
has been in those properties
financed by public subscription to
small local stock companies. Except

under special conditions there is no
great incentive at the present time
to develop properties carrying values
in silver, lead and zinc. In fact,
many such properties with de-
veloped ore reserves and equipped
with modern type concentrators, are
closed down, and it is impossible to
mine and sell lead and zinc con-
centrates at a profit at present prices.

LARGE COMPANIES HELPED
The larger mining companies have
maintained development on the
usual scale, not only at producing
properties but at many which are
in the semi-developed stage. In
particular, the Consolidated has
continued its widespread develop-
ment programme throughout the
province practically without curtail-
ment. This company normally
each year takes up and drops, after
an examination of a small amount
of work, many properties, but at the
present time has an average num-
ber under development.

A Consolidated operation that is
of particular interest is the erection
of a 100-ton pilot mill at the Big
Mistouri mine at Stewart. The
values are mainly in gold, and owing
to the erratic nature of the mineral-
ization, ordinary sampling appar-
ently was unsatisfactory; hence the
decision to put in a pilot mill which
will conclusively determine average
values in different sections of the
property. The mill is expected to be
in operation about the end of the
year.

The year has witnessed the com-
pletion of the development plans of
the Premier Gold Mining Company
on the Property and Porter-Idaho
mines, on the Marmot River, near
Stewart. Towards the end of 1929
the aerial tramway was completed
and shipments were commenced
from the Property, which were
continued steadily throughout 1930.
The Porter-Idaho was also brought
into production. The main value in
the ore from these properties is
silver, and it is interesting that
both were profitably operated, not-
withstanding the low price of silver.

Useful development was done on
the property of the B.C. Nickel
Company during the year. This
consisted of electrical prospecting,
surface stripping and diamond drill-
ing. An important success was
registered by electrical prospecting
on this operation, whereby a new
ore body was found and the general
nature of the ore occurrences was
determined. The property was
heretofore. The property now gives
indication of being a probable
nickel producer when fully de-
veloped and equipped.

PROMISING WELL
The Pioneer mine in the Lillooet
division, is an old one but, as a re-
sult of capable management, is now
entering the best part of its career.
Development and mill con-
struction in the last two years have
placed this mine now in the pos-
ition of one of the important gold
mines of the province. The produc-
tion this year has been greater than
ever, with the prospect of a still
larger output in 1931.

During the year, prospecting,
scouting and exploration for min-
eral properties proceeded steadily
and more was carried out than
would have been expected, consid-
ering the depressed state of the metal
market.
An intensified search for gold
properties was apparent, but it is
believed a much keener interest will
be shown in potential gold mines in
British Columbia in the last two years
of more prospecting and more de-
velopment of known properties than
has yet taken place. Undoubtedly,
in the next few years, gold mining
is going to be decidedly popular,
and British Columbia should share
in this reawakening interest.

Some new discoveries were made
during the year, and the interest
of importance. One of these is
a silver-lead-zinc property at the
northern end of Vancouver Island,
owned by the American Smelting
& Refining Company and the other
a gold property north of Kamloops,
owned by the Premier Company.
Descriptions of these will be found
in the resident engineers' reports.

TELEGRAM IN STONE
OXFORD, Eng., Dec. 24.—What
may have been the world's first
telegram—a fragment of stone with
a message cut in it—was shown here
today by a local newspaper.

"He died today," and presu-
mably was carried by "express" mes-
sengers 1,300 years ago.

Claire: "Why didn't you shave
this evening?"
Bill: "I shaved this morning, and
it makes my face sore to shave twice
a day."
Claire: "Well, it makes my face
sore when you shave only once."

TOONERVILLE FOLKS



CITY OF DAVID RE-ECHOES JOY OF CHRISTIANS

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But long before that hour the
pews were crammed and the aisles
crowded both with pilgrims from
far and hundreds who live con-
stantly in the atmosphere of the
sacred birthplace.

BEAUTIFUL SERVICE
When the service began a hush
fell over the congregation; all was
reverence as the colorful ritual un-
folded to the accompaniment of a
choir of Franciscan monks.

Just before midnight a warning
bell rang softly and the solemn
words of the consecration ended as
the tower chimed began to toll the
hour. The priests pulled the silken
cords withdrawing the curtain from
the tabernacle, revealing a doll-like
resembling the Babe of Bethlehem.
The organ thundered and the
voices of the choir rang out in
sonorous Latin: "Blessed be He who
comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in excelsis."
It was Christmas Day.

WHERE BABE WAS BORN
His beatitude, Monsignor Louis
Barlassina, Latin patriarch of Jeru-
salem, reverently lifted the Bam-
bino, and as Mary did with the
Christ Child 1929 years ago, wrapped
it in swaddling clothes and placed
it in the manger thought to be the
very spot where Christ Himself was
born.

The crowd filed out of the church,
the faces of the worshippers lighted
with the beauty and symbolism of
the pagan they had seen. They
called to each other in hushed greet-
ings and dispensed into the night.
The darkness seemed to hold no
fears, for it was in the darkness
of the night in the same spot that
the angel of the Lord said on the
first Christmas Day:

"Fear not, for I bring you good
tidings of great joy."

NEW YEAR WILL BE HOPEFUL ONE HERE PREMIER PREDICTS

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development, and to enjoy what it
is hoped will be a more general and
more lasting prosperity than ever
before.

"World trade is shifting from the
Eastern to the Western seaboard,
and in the restless stirrings of the
Orient, with its awakening aspira-
tions, and its ancient and modern
commercial opportunities. With her
vast natural resources of the very
fundamentals upon which industry
lives and thrives, her superb indus-
trial climate, her strategic position,
her facilities and her opportunities,
British Columbia stands today upon
the threshold of her great indus-
trial epoch; upon the dawning of her
Golden Age."

"Take heart and courage, then,
and face the future with confidence
undiminished. Let us supplement
our boundless endowment by unity
of purpose and unity of effort, make
common cause for the advancement
of our province and our Dominion,
and by God's Grace and our own
courage, confidence and patience,
we shall win through to a glorious heri-
tage and an enduring place in the
world."

"On behalf of the Government of
British Columbia, I wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year," concluded
Premier Tomin.

"Yes," said Paddy, "the last time
you saw me I was just about fin-
ished. Hadn't even any coal in the
house."

"Poor old Paddy! And are you all
right now, coal now?"

"Sure, I've sold the stove."

"I am working hard so that I can
leave school."

"What do you want to be?"

"A school master." — Moultique, Charleroi.

JOBLESS IN GERMANY CLAMORING FOR WORK

Police Clear Sidewalks in Berlin by
Using Clubs on Crowd—Task
Difficult

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—The
Communist elements made good
their threat to inaugurate hunger
demonstrations amidst the throngs
of Berlin's Christmas shoppers to-
day, for no sooner had darkness
come than groups of jobless appeared
on the busy streets shouting, "We
want work."

At the corner of Leipziger and
Friedrich Streets, which is one of
the busiest sections in downtown
Berlin, mounted police had to clear
the sidewalks of demonstrators by
using their clubs and charging their
horses onto the sidewalk.

The task of dispersing the demon-
strators here as well as on other
shopping streets proved no easy one,
as due care had to be taken not to
club bystanders or citizens making
last-hour purchases.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE IS ISSUED BY NEW ONTARIO PREMIER

TORONTO, Dec. 24 (CP).—Premier
George S. Henry, this afternoon,
issued the following Christmas
message to the people of Onta-
rio:

"At this season of this year I have
much pleasure in extending to the
people of Ontario my best wishes
for a Happy Christmas.

"Our thoughts at this time turn
naturally to helping others, and
particularly during the present pe-
riod of depression and subsequent
unemployment, we should give heed
to the ancient injunction to 'do
unto others as we would be done by.'"
"I am very pleased to see the
generous response being made to the
call for assistance to those in dis-
tress."

PRECEDENT IS SET BY FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP).—Premier
Steg set a precedent in France
tonight when, speaking to repre-
sentatives of a French talking pic-
ture company, he gave a message
of Christmas cheer and good
wishes for the new year to the
people of France.

In his message, which will be
broadcast in movie houses and
theatres throughout the country to-
night at the stroke of twelve, Pre-
mier Steg declared the Govern-
ment held good will for all French-
men and wished peace to reign in
the world.
He called upon his enemies to
support him and asked his political
enemies for fair play.

"Walter, a steak—a large one—
so large that I shall be afraid of it."
—Vart Hem, Stockholm.

"Sure, I've sold the stove."

"I am working hard so that I can
leave school."

"What do you want to be?"

"A school master." — Moultique, Charleroi.

Premier Mussolini Distributes Cheer To Needy Families

ROME, Dec. 24 (AP).—Premier
Mussolini, in the role of Santa Claus,
has distributed among Italy's needy
about \$26,216 worth of Christmas
cheer.

The fund was placed at his dis-
posal by an anonymous industrial
leader in Milan. The Premier turned
over 250,000 lire for distribution by
the Milan Provincial Federation for
the aid of families likely to be dis-
possessed for nonpayment of rent;
100,000 for winter aid to work car-
ried on by Milan Fascists; 100,000 to
help the poor redeem winter cloth-
ing from Milan pawn shops, and
50,000 for general charity.

AGITATOR IS GIVEN TERM IN JAIL FOR PART IN DISORDERS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (CP).—John
Folen, arrested last Friday,
quiet time in London, was sentenced
in connection with an unemployed
demonstration at Victory Square
and Cambie Street Grounds, was
sentenced to fifteen days in jail
when he appeared in police court
today.

Folen was charged with assault-
ing Police Constable W. Hope.
The hearing against the others,
who are charged with being mem-
bers of an unlawful assembly, was
set for next Wednesday.

LEAVE FOR INDIA EARLY IN JANUARY

LONDON, Dec. 24 (CP).—General
Sir Arthur Currie, commander of
the Canadian Corps in the war, and
Lady Currie have been spending a
quiet time in London, renewing old
friendships. They will leave early
in January on a tour which will take
them to India, China and Japan be-
fore they return to Canada early in
April.

Sir Arthur and Lady Currie ex-
pect to arrive at Bombay on Jan. 10.
It is said there they will be the guests
for three days of Governor Sir Fre-
derick Sykes. After a two-week tour
in which they hope to see something
of the Punjab, Sir Arthur and Lady
Currie will return to New Delhi for
the inauguration of the new capital
on February 9, the main purpose of
their visit.

NO COOK MEANS NO SAIL

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Just as an
army has been said to march on its
stomach, so the members of a scien-
tific research ship sail on theirs.
Departure of the royal research ship
William S. Corey for the Falkland
Islands and Antarctic seas was de-
layed by inability to obtain a cook.
For a week the ship lay at Portis-
mouth, but no cook was found. She
had to put off to try her luck else-
where.

MATCHING COMPLEXIONS

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 24.—
Blue and yellow hats for men, de-
signed for Spring wear, are on ex-
hibition here. There is "tangerine,"
for instance, a style as brilliant as
the fruit itself, with a whitish silken
band and thin brown binding; a blue
rivaling tropical skies; "plum-pink,"
a rich scarlet; a "Roman blue," and
a rich scarlet; a delicate canary yellow,
"sunshine," a delicate canary yellow.
"We are ahead of the times," said
a director of one firm. "We have
sold only a few in England, but they
will be included in our Spring
stocks."

Says a writer in a London daily:
"The old-fashioned mother has gone
out."
Probably to a dance club.

JEWEL THIEF CAUGHT BY SEATTLE POLICE

John Stone Confesses to Three
Crimes After Being Placed
in Jail

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 (AP).—Trailing
by detectives after he had disposed
of part of his loot taken from
Seattle jewelry store windows in a
pawn shop, John Stone, forty-six,
was arrested here today.

Police said he confessed to taking
\$1,000 worth of jewelry from the
Burnett Brothers' jewelry store,
\$1,000 from the Arnet Jewelry Store
December 16, \$800 worth from the
W. Nakamura store and \$200
worth from the State Drug Com-
pany.

Detectives said they found \$1,000
worth of jewelry in a bureau drawer
in his room and four loaded pistols.
Stone had tossed bricks into plate
glass windows and then removed
the jewelry, they said. Asked why
he usually chose 7 o'clock in the
morning to work, he replied he
didn't like to get up any earlier.
Authorities said Stone served terms
in California and Nevada prisons.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 24
(AP).—Three children, two of
Mr. and Mrs. James Solomon
perished in flames that destroyed
their home today while their par-
ents were absent to obtain a
Christmas basket from a relief
organization.

Neighbors, startled by billows of
smoke issuing from the house,
sounded an alarm. Firemen ran
into the building and emerged with
the three lifeless forms in their
arms. The dead children were
Justin, aged five; Mary, eighteen
months, and Mildred, four months.
Firemen rescued a fourth child,
Louise, aged three.

There is often a certain amount
of risk about these distinctions from
the Far East. There may be cited
the story of the Eastern potentate
who decided to honor the wife of
the British representative as well as
her husband—with the result that
the surprised lady presently found
herself the recipient of the "Order
of Chastity (Third Class)."

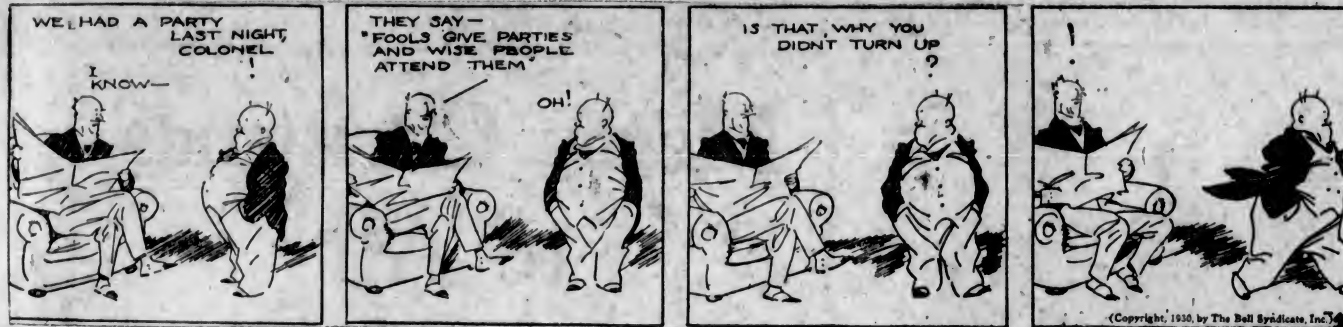
There is a kick in much of the
stuff being trafficked as whisky, but
it is often the last.—Toledo Blade.

Forty is the old age of youth;
fifty is the youth of old age.—

POP

Two Fools

By J. Millar Watt



THAT CERTAIN PARTY

A Summary

By Jack Wilhelm



POLLY AND HER PALS

To Each and Every One

By Cliff Sterrett



TILLIE THE TOILER

By Westover



S'MATTER POP

Depends Upon the Corn

By C. M. Payne



DIXIE DUGAN

And All's Well!

By J. P. McEvoy and J. H. Striebel



KRAZY KAT



Our Gardener Can Think Twice as Well With a Rake as He Can by Hand.

A party of spirited gentlemen were returning in the small hours of the morning from a highly successful convivial gathering. They came to a standstill at length opposite a certain house, and a lively discussion broke out.

One of the revellers mounted the doorstep and thumped on the door, until a window above was opened, and a young woman looked out.

"Pardon, are you Mischus Shmith?" asked the spokesman.

"Yes, I am," returned the lady forbiddingly.

"Good," exclaimed the leader of the party, "will you be so kind as to come down here and pick out Mischus Shmith? The rest of us want to get home."

"So you took that girl home from the movie last night?"

"Yeh."

"How far does she live from the theatre?"

"Oh, three soda fountains and a candy store."—Florida Times-Union



"TO GO TO THE DOGS"

It needs no extended explanation to enlighten our readers as to the significance of this phrase which conveys the idea of persons or institutions that have "gone bad."

Peculiarly enough, this expression at first had no relation at all to its present significance.

Originally it was used in the Orient where whatever was left over after a festival would go to the dogs.

It is in this sense that Shakespeare used it in the third scene, act five, of Macbeth.

EXTEND WISHES FOR YULETIDE

Premier Tolmie and Cabinet
Greet Members of
Civil Service

EFFICIENT WORK DONE

Premier Tolmie and members of the Cabinet, who were in the city yesterday, made a tour of all departments of the civil service, and extended seasonal greetings to the respective staffs.

Premier Tolmie praised the efficiency shown by members of the civil service, in meeting not only the ordinary rush of the year-end, but an unusually heavy volume of work occasioned by the operation of unemployment relief measures. Many, he noted, had worked for long continuous hours at the end of the ordinary day's work and far into the night, so that no delay would occur in the carrying out of the plan.

Premier Tolmie and most of the members of his Cabinet will spend Christmas Day at their homes in Victoria and vicinity. Hon. J. W. Jones will visit friends in Vancouver. Hon. R. W. Bruhn is on his way up to Salmon Arm, and Hon. M. S. Loughheed will spend the day on the Mainland side.

The Parliament Buildings will be closed today, and members of the civil service will alternate in taking advantage of the additional holiday at Christmas and New Year's, when only skeleton staffs will be required.

Despite the seasonal let-down in the rush of work, many officials in each department will work through most of the period, preparing for the new year, with its forthcoming session of the Legislature and the unceasing requirements in connection with unemployment relief plans.

PROMINENT PROMOTER IS PLACED IN CELL

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 24.—C. C. Pyle, promoter of the famous "Bunion Derby" of a few years ago that ended in a fiasco, was placed in a cell in the San Diego jail last night on charges of evading payment of taxicab fare and intoxication.

Pyle, according to the taxi driver, had ridden in the machine from La Jolla to San Diego, and at the end of the trip had refused to pay the fare. The driver then drove to the police station. Pyle was given an opportunity to make payment there, but refused and was jailed.

When he was searched at the jail, Pyle was found to have in his possession \$28, an expensive watch and several papers, including attachments which had been issued against him.

QUITE TRUE

The cheap-jack auctioneer was trying hard to sell his stock of cigars.

"You can't get better, gent," he belted; "twenty-five in a box! You can't get better, I don't care how much you spend!"

Suddenly a voice put in from the back of the crowd: "He's right, folks," it said, "I had one last week, and I'm not better yet."



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WHEN Herman Trelle for the second time won the world's wheat championship at Chicago and for the sixth time captured a world's grain championship, he passed on a large share of the honors to his wife. In the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Trelle in working dress on their farm at Wembley, in the Peace River district. On the right is E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and on the left Sir Herbert Holt, director of the company, photographed during a visit to the Peace River and its fertile lands 700 miles north of the international boundary. Trelle's latest triumph brings to Western Canada for the seventeenth time in twenty years the world's wheat crown. Mr. and Mrs. Trelle will likely embark shortly on a world tour as guests of the C.P.R.

Cuban Situation Is Now Tense as Political Life Of President Nears End

By CONSTANTINE BROWN
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New Foreign Service.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The economic and political discontent in Cuba is reported to have reached such a point that the days of President Gerardo Machado are counted. According to the latest reports received in Washington from Havana, President Machado can count on support from the army and the police, as long as he can pay these forces. But the day when the depleted Cuban treasury can no longer meet those payments his political career will be ended.

Some of the senior officers of the Cuban army are already opposing the administration, as the trial of the colonel commanding the Fort of Caballo has shown. That officer is being court-martialed because, it is claimed, he had connived with the opposition to get rid of the chief executive by bombarding the presidential residence. The plot was discovered in time and foiled by President Machado's secret police.

STRIKE CONTINUES
The situation is very tense in Havana and in the Interior. In the

capital the students continue the strike they began two months ago. They demand the President's resignation. This strike is worrying the authorities considerably because in most Latin-American Republics the big revolutionary movements generally start either at military academies or universities.

The great majority of Cuban intelligentsia is opposed to the President, whom they accuse of having brought ruin upon the country by the extravagance of his administration. Most Cuban patriots are still puzzled and want to find out why the Machado administration has spent over \$20,000,000 on the Cuban Capitol. They would also like to know exactly how much has been spent on the magnificent but almost useless 1,000-mile road which connects Pinar del Rio with Santiago. Nobody seems to know exactly how much that road costs the Cuban taxpayer at this time of intense economic depression.

SEVERELY BOYCOTTED
There naturally are still a number of adherents of the Machado administration in Havana, but they are severely boycotted by the majority of the population of the capital. So are the foreign diplomats suspected of supporting President Machado more than their role as observers permits.

The situation in the Interior is reported to be much worse. Only the lack of arms and the presence of well-armed police forces is said to prevent the population from rebelling against the Machado administration.

The population is virtually starving. On account of the slump in the sugar industry, sugar factories are working only about sixty-five days a year. Men employed in the most important industry in Cuba are paid \$1 a day. This sum enables the workmen barely to keep from starving. The men are leading now a most precarious existence and are awaiting the first chance to rise against President Machado, whom they accuse of causing their misfortune.

POSITION DIFFICULT.
Some of President Machado's Cabinet ministers feel their position may soon become very difficult. Minister of Public Works C. M. de Céspedes has already taken an unlimited leave and has departed from Cuba on a yacht for a long cruise. Other less fortunate members of the Machado Cabinet are still in Havana keeping an anxious eye on ship movements in the harbor.

Husband (testily, after going down badly at bridge): "You might have guessed I had no heart."
Wife: "Quite, but I thought you had a brain, darling!"

Heads Coast-to-Coast Air Mail Service



JAMES A. RICHARDSON

Of Winnipeg, who, in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National Railways, plans an air service across Canada to carry mail, express and passengers.

That Body of Hours

By James W. Davison, M.D.
THE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT OF
YOUR CHILD

Some day it may be possible to tell any particular child—boy or girl—exactly how tall he or she should be, and the proper weight for the age.

Despite all our knowledge and despite all the work that has been done on child nutrition, it is not possible to say that any child is exactly the right height and weight for its age.

Of course many valuable tables have been arranged, and every doctor, including myself, is guided to some extent by them, but every day we meet cases where the youngster does not conform to the height and weight of his or her age and yet common sense and tests show that the youngster is normal in every way, strong and healthy.

At other times we come across youngsters who appear to be of normal height and weight for the age whereas a little more weight would be beneficial.

What is wrong with our system of measurements?

Simply, as mentioned before, that bodies cannot be classed all alike, and of same height and weight at any given age. What will likely be arranged sometime in the future will be measurements of the bones as to their thickness and length, and length of the trunk as compared with the length of the legs; the width of the chest as compared with the height; the depth of chest as compared with girth of abdomen; the width of shoulders and hips; the shape and size of the bones that form the spinal column, and other points that will help the physician and nurse in their endeavor to estimate what should be the height and weight of any particular child.

Roughly for adults we speak of the greyhound and bulldog type of physique; one slender, sinewy and strong, and the other short and strong with wide shoulders and chest and a long body as compared to length of legs.

But in youngsters, before reaching the age of fifteen, it is rather difficult to classify them in this manner.

However, the big thing, the one important thing to remember, is that boys and girls should be continually growing in height and increasing in weight, and as girls reach the age of thirteen to fourteen, and boys fifteen to sixteen, there should be almost twice as much increase in growth and weight as during the years before and after these ages.

If your child eats plenty of good food and gets plenty of sleep, don't worry if he is not exactly "standard." But remember he should be always gaining some weight and some height. If he is not doing so, see your doctor.

Says Progressives of Ontario to Carry On

BRANTFORD, Dec. 24 (CP).—While admitting that the Progressives did have a conference at Toronto, Tuesday, Hon. H. C. Nixon, leader of the Ontario Progressive party, yesterday declined to say anything further for publication.

"We did have a conference," Mr. Nixon stated, "and we discussed the political situation generally."

"What about the party's policy?" he was asked.

"We shall certainly carry on as before," Mr. Nixon replied.

"As the Progressive party?"

"Yes," said the Progressive party.

"What have you to say regarding running a number of Liberals ready to leave the new Hepburn leadership, will go over to the Progressives," he was asked.

"I have no information as to that," Mr. Nixon said.

"My wife doesn't understand me; she doesn't understand me; I don't know; I've never heard her even mention your name."

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Burgess Bedtime Stories

Peter Is Teased

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

If in your heart you seek to please
You cannot if you try to tease.

—Peter Rabbit.

Teasing is a bad habit. Yes, sir, it is so. It never makes friends and it does make enemies. Besides, it hurts the feelings of others. It destroys friendships, and friendships are very precious. He is rich indeed who is rich in many true friends.

Peter Rabbit was being teased. At first he didn't mind it, but after awhile it got so that he avoided his old friends and neighbors whenever he could. You see they had all heard about how he said that he had heard a strange sound in the night in the Green Forest, and how he had vainly hunted for the singer. No one had seen or heard a feathered stranger in the Green Forest, so, like jumper the hare, they all thought that Peter must have dreamed it.

"Had any more dreams," Sammy Jay would ask whenever he found Peter in the dear Old Briar Patch, and he took pains to visit it every day. Then he would fly away chuckling.

Reddy Fox would come around and gravely invite Peter to go with him over to the Green Forest to look for that unknown singer, and grin in the most provoking manner. Blacky the Crow would go out of his way to visit the dear Old Briar Patch almost every day. "Hello, Peter," Blacky would say, "What



"Hello, Peter," Blacky Would Say, "What Is the News From Dreamland?"

is the news from dreamland? You should be more careful what you eat, Peter. Never go to sleep on a full stomach if you don't want to dream."

"I didn't dream," Peter would report. "There was a strange sound over in the Green Forest. I heard it and I wasn't asleep. That singer may not be there now, but he was there that night and someday I'll find out who it was and then it will be my turn to laugh."

Even little Tommy Tit the Chickadee couldn't resist the temptation to tease Peter a little, and Drum-

mer the Woodpecker and Yank Yank the Nuthatch would ask Peter if he had found that strange singer yet. Do you wonder that Peter grew cross and avoided his old friends whenever he could?

But all this teasing made Peter more determined than ever to find out who that mysterious singer was. He spent most of his time over in the Green Forest hoping to hear that song again. He grew careless and several times had the narrowest of escapes. Once Reddy Fox surprised him there and Peter had a hard run for his life. Once Peter dodged just in the nick of time to escape the great claws of Hooty the Owl, and it was wholly because he was too intent on finding that unknown singer that he forgot to be on the watch for enemies, a thing that none of the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows ever can afford to do.

Once Peter was sure that he heard that song again, but it was so far away that it was very faint and he couldn't tell where it came from. This time he took care to tell no one, for he knew that if he would result only in more teasing. But it made him more determined than ever to get at the bottom of that mystery.

"I never can be happy again until I do," Peter would say to himself. "If that strange bird has gone away he'll be sure to come back sometime and when he does he'll sing again. I'll find him or my name isn't Peter Rabbit."

Gradually his friends stopped teasing Peter. The joke had grown so old that it was no longer interesting. They gradually forgot all about it. But Peter didn't forget. He was always on the watch for a strange feathered singer, and never went into the Green Forest without hoping that this time he would

solve the mystery. You see his curiosity hadn't been satisfied; it was as great as ever. So he was always looking and listening and he never left the Green Forest for the dear Old Briar Patch without a feeling of disappointment. At the same time he never lost faith that someday he would find out all about it.

The next story: "Peter Visits an Old Friend."

TWO PICTURES ARE SEIZED IN QUEBEC

QUEBEC, Que., Dec. 24 (CP).—Two moving picture films exhibited in a local theatre under the auspices of an Ukrainian society have been seized and sent to Quebec for examination. It is alleged the picture plays masquerading as entertainment, are in reality thinly veiled Communist propaganda and were passed by the Provincial Board of Censors under a misrepresentation. The films were exhibited by a man by the name of Romanoff, who is now under arrest, but whose case was remanded until the next session of police court a month from now. In the meantime the Attorney-General is investigating.

Tommy B., a youth of fifteen, was six feet high and thin as a walking stick. The other day he visited an uncle, who said: "And what might your father mean to make of you, Tommy?"

"He intends me for the Church," replied Tommy, proudly.

"Well, well," replied Uncle, "you will suit very well in one respect."

"Thank you," said Tommy, highly pleased. "May I ask in what respect you mean?"

"Yes," answered Uncle. "I think you will make a fine sleeper."